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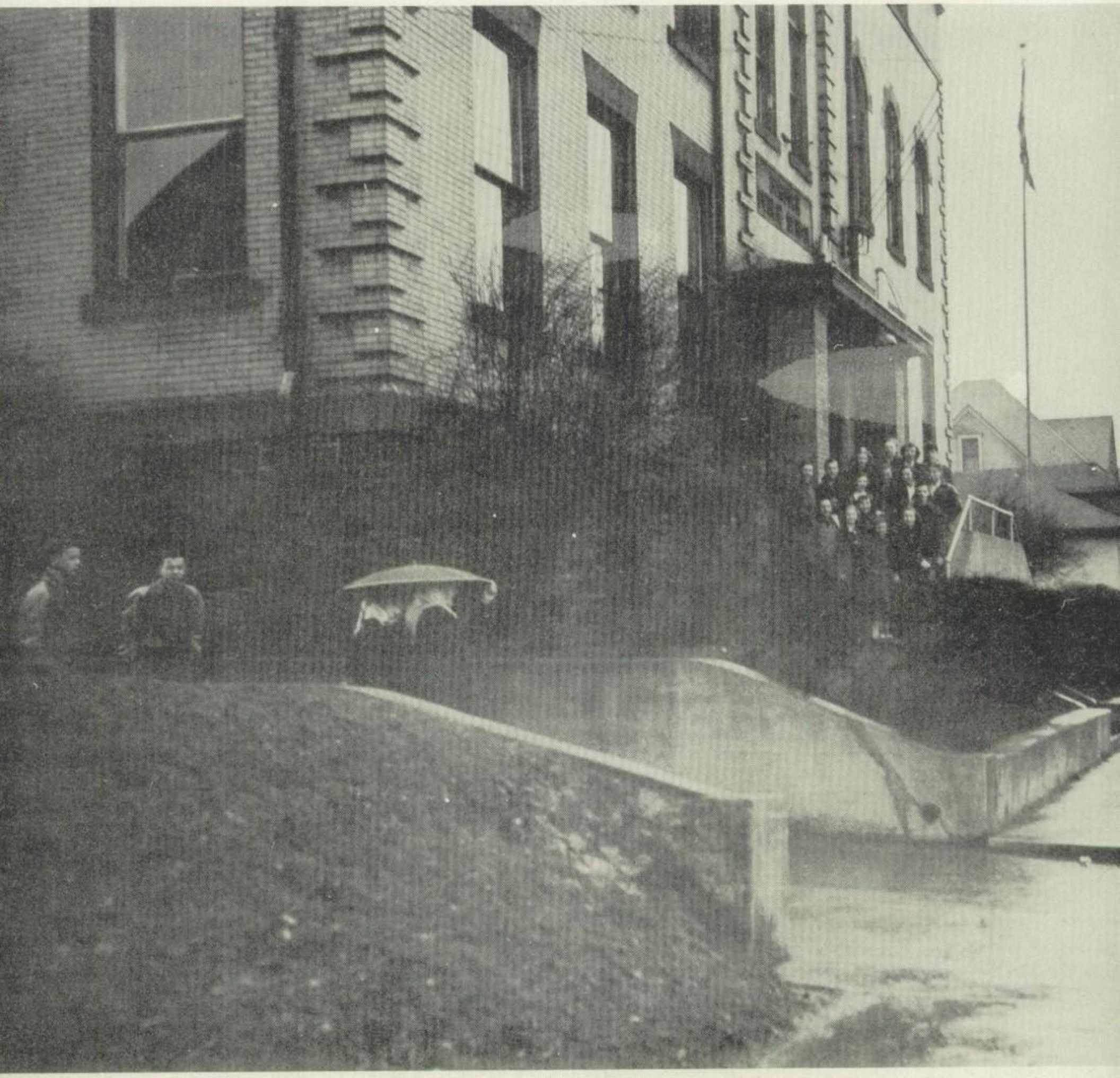
FOREWORD

We, the senior class of '49, have gathered together the high points of our four years in East McKeesport High School and bound them in this book with the hope that some day after graduation we may reopen it and relive the countless joys we had: the thrills of the football, basketball, and baseball games; the rehearsing of the junior play; the preparation and excitement of the proms. And perhaps reading between the lines, we may recall the little things that brightened our days, the classroom antics, the movies in assembly, and the cramming for exams. Lingering over the class pictures, we may laugh quietly to ourselves over the change in appearance of some of our friends. Although this book with its wealth of memories may prove a little dull to others, to us it will always be a priceless possession.

THE SENIOR CLASS OF EAST MCKEESPORT HIGH



SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE 1949

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EAST MCKEESPORT PENNSYLVANIA

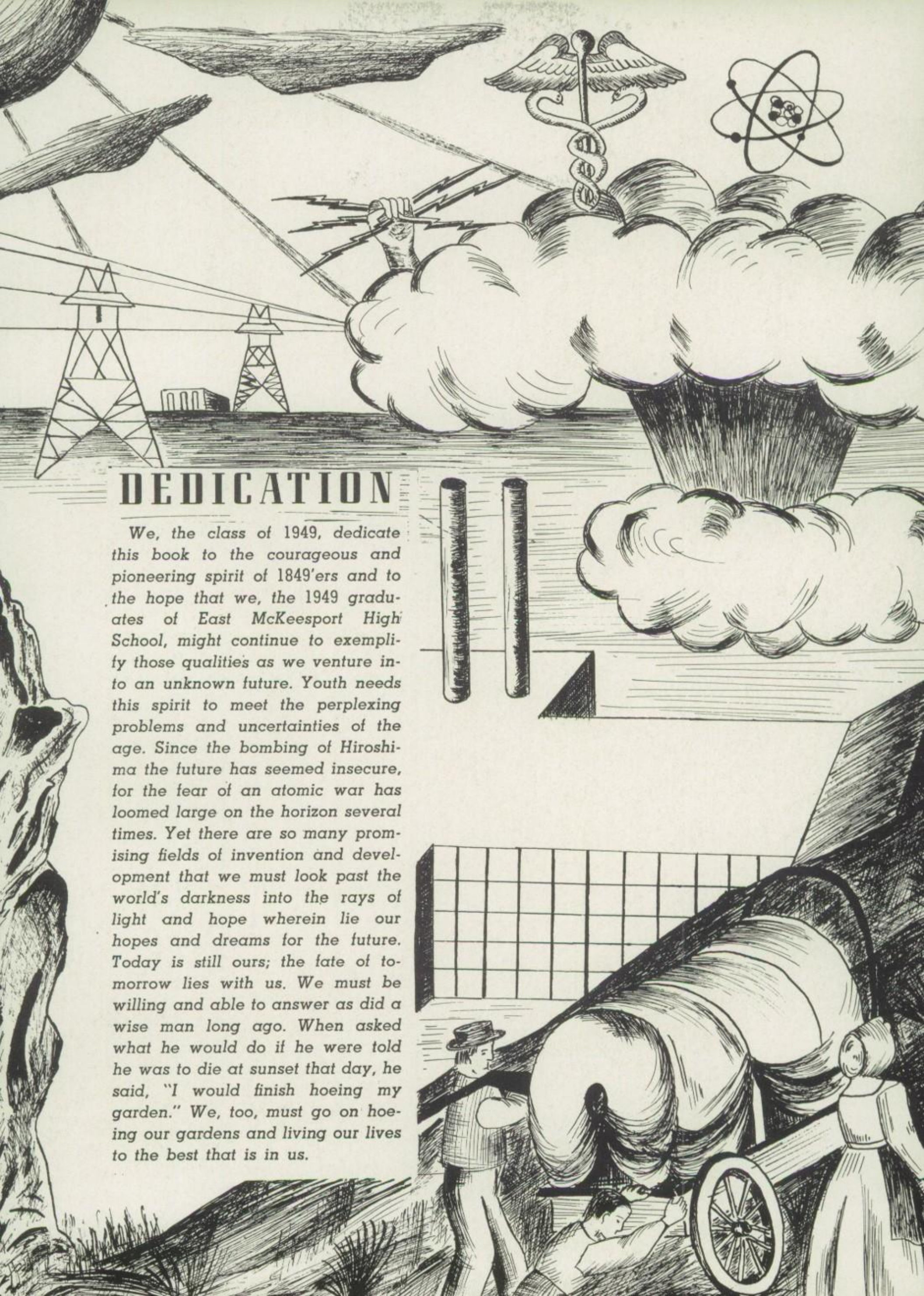
OUR TOWN

East McKeesport, situated on a beautiful plateau overlooking the Turtle Creek Valley, is very dear and close to all our hearts.

Early records show that East McKeesport was a part of a tract called "Scanderoon," an Indian name. At its early stage of growth, there were no good roads nor exceptional means of travel. The old Greensburg Turnpike (now the Lincoln Highway) gave access to the outside world. It was common to see a herd of sheep or oxen being driven along the highway which was then a sea of mud. Travelers passing through East McKeesport would change horses here at the crossroads and then go on with their journey.

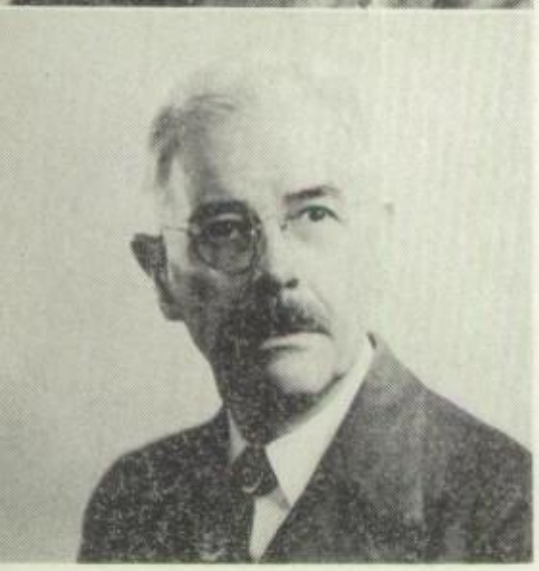
Life was very simple then, but the simplicity of it all has made our town a typical American town. Today our town has grown into a residential district, housing families of industrial workers.

Here the early inhabitants lived and shared their joys and sorrows, and here we live to carry on the yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows of OUR TOWN.



DEDICATION

We, the class of 1949, dedicate this book to the courageous and pioneering spirit of 1849'ers and to the hope that we, the 1949 graduates of East McKeesport High School, might continue to exemplify those qualities as we venture into an unknown future. Youth needs this spirit to meet the perplexing problems and uncertainties of the age. Since the bombing of Hiroshima the future has seemed insecure, for the fear of an atomic war has loomed large on the horizon several times. Yet there are so many promising fields of invention and development that we must look past the world's darkness into the rays of light and hope wherein lie our hopes and dreams for the future. Today is still ours; the fate of tomorrow lies with us. We must be willing and able to answer as did a wise man long ago. When asked what he would do if he were told he was to die at sunset that day, he said, "I would finish hoeing my garden." We, too, must go on hoeing our gardens and living our lives to the best that is in us.



Mr. F. Clyde Gumbert
Vice-President

Mr. Roland C. Rehrer
President

Mr. Charles R. L. Rasel
Secretary

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Each of us recognizes the wisdom and understanding displayed by the Board of School Directors. They have provided a suitable education that has prepared us to take a creditable place in the world. Not only did they give us an adequate educational program, but they also tried to improve the facilities we already had. Each an outstanding, respected citizen, although busy with other work, took time to see that we were starting out on the right pathway in life. Having given their time and efforts so freely, the tribute we pay them now is well deserved. The class of '49 wishes to commend them for their services to us and to the community.

Mr. Louis P. Elwell

Mr. Harry C. May

Dr. H. C. Hackman

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. J. P. Runk
Supervising Principal

Mr. J. P. Runk has been a true friend to us for many years. His interest has encompassed and enriched our lives. With wise counsel and patient understanding, Mrs. Josephine M. Muir has helped us to solve our own problems, both vocational and personal. Efficiency and charm personify Miss Mildred Gillis through whose capable hands pass the varied secretarial duties of our school.

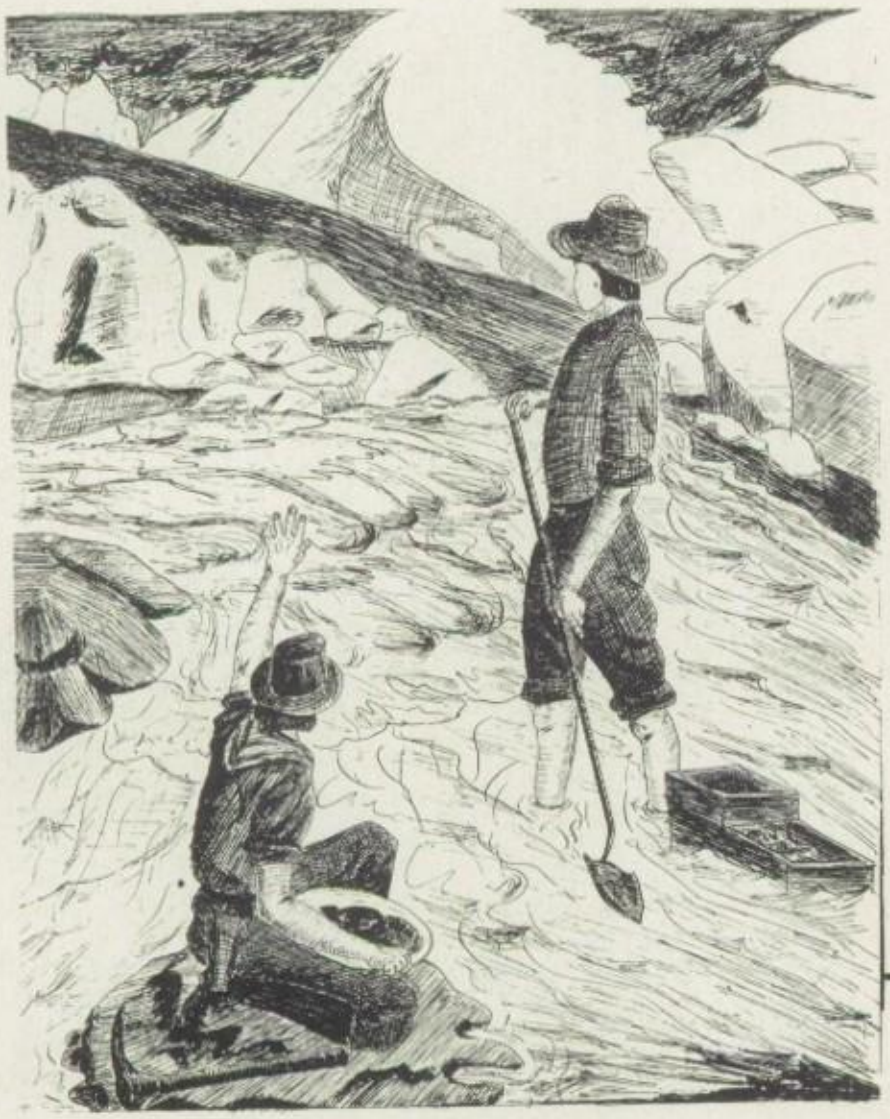
Mrs. Josephine M. Muir
Assistant Supervising Principal and High School Principal

Miss Mildred Gillis
Secretary to the Administrative Staff

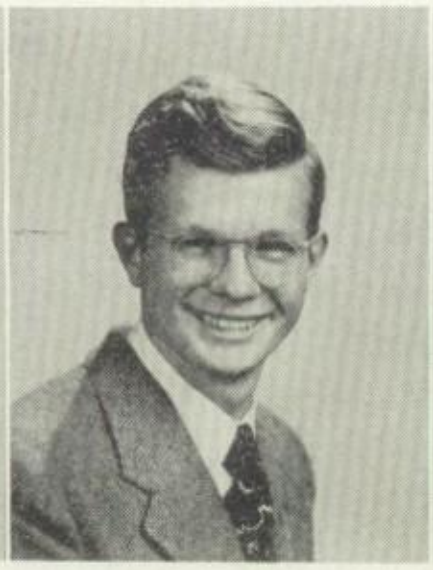
Row 1: Frances Burke Jones, Lucille Kleber Cantini, Carolyn Duvall Leffler, Helen Poole Swauger, Ruth Houser, Garnet Grove. *Row 2:* Vernon Boyles, Merlyn Jones, Jane Field Taylor, Elizabeth Ann Condron, Janet Thomas, Edward Miller, Naomi Sayers, Irene Barchie Suddaby, Betty Hilliard, William Meise, Harold Arnold.

FACULTY

THE '49ERS



DAVID CRAMER . . . "Dave" . . . vice-president of senior class . . . flashy end on the football team . . . performed equally well on the baseball diamond . . . president of Key Club . . . gave creditable performance in the junior play . . . hopes to enter college after graduation.



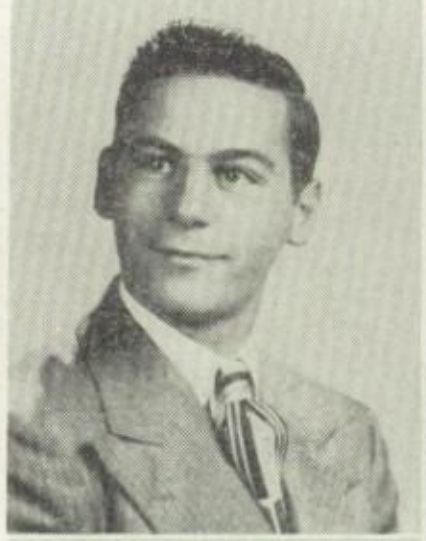
ALFRED THALHEIMER . . . "Alf" . . . senior class president and Hi-Y officer . . . tall red-head with a liking for sports . . . a good student . . . name frequents the honor roll . . . a future engineer.

DOLORES FURLONG . . . "Dee" . . . gives impression of being quiet but is anything but . . . third finger, left hand occupied . . . lively cheerleader . . . belonged to girls' chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . likes to play basketball.

IN MEMORIAM
BRUCE RUSSELL

Asleep in quiet peaceful dreams,
We know that he's with friends.
Perhaps the day will come when
We shall meet him, once again.

JAMES ALFER . . . "Foodle" . . . can easily be distinguished by his walk . . . took active part in band . . . one of our many boys who works in a gas station . . . member of Hi-Y.



ANGELINA ALFIERI . . . "Angy" . . . very studious . . . active member of Press Club, Tri-Hi-Y, and girls' chorus . . . in the cast of the junior play . . . enjoys sports . . . excellent typist . . . fun to be with.

JAMES BAER . . . "Jim" . . . one of the biggest boys in the class . . . as good natured as he is big . . . always in need of sleep . . . works hard after school selling vegetables and fruit . . . wants a produce store of his own.

ROBERT BAKER . . . "Bob" . . . quiet personality . . . well liked by all . . . outstanding on the football field . . . treasurer of Hi-Y . . . hopes to own a garage of his own someday.

SYLVIA BASILE . . . "Syl" . . . one of the three musketeers . . . very fond of dancing . . . loves potato chips . . . interested in a certain junior boy . . . has a nice smile.

WILLIAM BEARD . . . "Bill" . . . hangs out at a gas station . . . or at Duquesne . . . known as East's Gene Krupa for drum playing . . . always willing to "taxi" the teachers to and from school.

JACK BECK . . . "Becky" . . . Harry James of the senior class . . . has a special fondness for red hair . . . played basketball . . . member of Hi-Y . . . wants to own his own factory.

DARRELL BERKOBEN . . . "Berky" . . . member of band and Hi-Y . . . frequents a service station . . . drives new Oldsmobile . . . likes to read good books . . . always a big smile for the girls.

ELIZABETH BROWN . . . "Betty Ann" . . . one of our majorettes . . . distinguished by her long red hair and cheery smile . . . co-chairman of the prom committee . . . will do good in anything she tries, especially in singing.

JANE CARBINES . . . "Janie" . . . a friendly, active lass . . . member of band, chorus, and orchestra . . . always present at Tri-Hi-Y activities . . . portrayed Julie in the junior play . . . helped make the junior prom successful . . . plays the oboe proficiently . . . wants to become a successful musician.

ROSE CARDO . . . "Rose" . . . concentrates on dancing and baby sitting . . . always has time for delicious hamburgers . . . has no main ambition . . . loves to roller skate.

MARION CHRISTOPHER . . . "Cookie" . . . cheery hello for everyone . . . sings alto in chorus . . . always ready to lend a helping hand at Tri-Hi-Y meetings . . . active member of JUN-SEN's art staff . . . digests spaghetti easily . . . plans to be a nurse.

VIRGINIA CIPRA . . . "Ginny" . . . a petite lass with a bright personality . . . active member of Tri-Hi-Y, Press Club, band, and assistant pianist in chorus . . . main ambition, to be a nurse and specialize in pediatrics.

JEAN CORTRIGHT . . . "Peanut" . . . the shortest girl in our class . . . full of witty replies . . . active member of chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . tries her hand at writing on the feature staff of JUN-SEN . . . likes to dance, especially with a sophomore at Johns Hopkins . . . hopes to enter P.M.I.

THOMAS CRAIG . . . "Tom" . . . one of the taller boys in the class . . . co-captain of the football team . . . popular member of basketball and baseball squads . . . member of Key Club . . . hopes to enter college to continue his education.

ADRIENNE CURRY . . . "A" . . . winning personality . . . many friends . . . one of our lively cheerleaders . . . has held four-year membership in chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . will probably be Mrs. in the not too distant future.

ROBERT CZARNECKI . . . "Clem" . . . likes to work with machinery . . . drives his car around . . . tolerates chemistry . . . ambition, to graduate.

LA VERNE DAUGHERTY . . . "Doc" . . . a very inquisitive girl who keeps you in stitches . . . usually running for the 4:30 Wilmerding bus . . . her ambition, to receive a diploma.

WILLIAM EICHER . . . "Bill" . . . a quiet boy with a good word for everyone . . . Hi-Y member . . . claims arguing with Mr. Arnold is his chief hobby . . . likes to tinker with automobiles . . . wants to be a mechanic.

NATALIE EREMIC . . . "Pinky" . . . a quiet student . . . active in chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . worked on the property committee of the junior play . . . favorite pastimes, ice and roller skating.

AUDREY FARMER . . . "Audrey" . . . took part in Tri-Hi-Y, Press Club, Library Club, and girls' chorus . . . also a majorette . . . third finger, left hand occupied . . . likes a good time . . . has the ability to get along well with everyone.

WILMA FOWLER . . . "Wilma" . . . blue eyes, blonde hair, and bright smile . . . an active member of Tri-Hi-Y . . . likes to read while listening to music . . . hopes to be a secretary.

JANE FROMMELL . . . "Twin" . . . one of a well-known pair around school . . . an active member in all musical activities . . . served in many capacities on JUN-SEN . . . likes to participate in all sports, especially basketball . . . spends Sunday afternoons motorcycling . . . wants a job with a good salary.

JEAN FROMMELL . . . "Twin" . . . completes our pair of popular twins . . . flautist in band and orchestra . . . served as editor of JUN-SEN . . . on the news and art staffs . . . active in Tri-Hi-Y . . . portrayed a realistic "Penny" in the junior play . . . plans to continue her art work.

DONALD GEBHART . . . "Gep" . . . shortest boy in the class . . . always smiling or telling jokes . . . member of Hi-Y . . . enjoys hunting . . . hopes to have a gas station of his own some day.

LORENE GRIMM . . . "Rene" . . . soft-spoken commercial . . . active member of chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . dependable "feature" writer on JUN-SEN . . . devours ice cream . . . hopes to advance in the field of missionary work.

HARRY HAMMER . . . "Dicka" . . . one of our more quiet students with a big smile . . . likes to draw and bowl . . . a good man with the chemicals . . . Hi-Y member for two years.

HARRY HARDMAN . . . "Bud" . . . one of our taller boys . . . always manages to keep things lively during class . . . likes to sleep and day dream . . . thinks Macbeth is a good murder story . . . can't decide what his ambition is.

HARRY HARPER . . . "Harp" . . . always the one with witty remarks . . . carries the Stars and Stripes in the band . . . Hi-Y member for two years . . . has an eye on being a sailor.

AUDREY HILT . . . "Audrey" . . . noticed in crowds by infectious laughter . . . her specialities, food and blond-haired boys . . . accomplished pianist . . . hopes to continue music career.

PAUL HODDER . . . "Hot" . . . goes for a certain junior "miss" . . . a great football fan and a member of the team for three years . . . member of Hi-Y . . . often is found at the Y.M.C.A.

JOSEPH HONDAL . . . "Joe" . . . a quiet boy . . . at home on the basketball floor . . . treasurer of the Key Club . . . showed definite acting ability in the junior play . . . wants to take up some type of trade.

EDWARD HUGHES . . . "Ed" . . . helped greatly backstage to make the junior play a hit . . . was on the junior prom committee . . . member of Hi-Y . . . manager of Junior High basketball team.

HELEN KELLY . . . "Helen" . . . a great lover of basketball . . . boiling Irish blood . . . always seen panting up the school steps at a quarter of nine and one o'clock . . . her ambition, to go to bed early.

MARILYN KLIMEK . . . "Marilyn" . . . well-liked . . . congenial person . . . works in a store . . . still makes the honor roll . . . member of Tri-Hi-Y and chorus for three years.

BETTY KOELSCH . . . "Betty" . . . enjoys devilment . . . intelligent . . . plays bell lyre in band . . . belongs to Tri-Hi-Y and girls' chorus . . . member of make-up committee for junior play.

HELEN KONDRICH . . . "Helen" . . . quiet, but has a pleasing smile . . . athletically inclined to basketball . . . secretary of Tri-Hi-Y . . . has an exceptional sewing ability . . . plans to go to business school.

MARGARET LACIVITA . . . "Marge" . . . skating takes most of her spare time . . . an ardent player of basketball . . . sang three years with the chorus . . . petite and attractive . . . hopes built on George.

DUANE LANDSTROM . . . "Dewey" . . . small in stature but manages to take an active interest in all sports . . . sports editor of JUN-SEN NEWS . . . keeps French class moving with his wise remarks . . . hopes someday to pitch in a World Series.

JAMES LANG . . . "Duke" . . . a quiet boy, good student . . . member of Key Club and Hi-Y . . . served as an usher at the junior play . . . desires to become a millionaire.

SHIRLEY LARSON . . . "Shirl" . . . cheerleader . . . active member of Tri-Hi-Y . . . possessor of quiet ways in classes (ahem!) . . . plans to attend business school . . . main ambition is to conquer the comma.

JOANNE LYNN . . . "Jo" . . . member of girls' chorus and Tri-Hi-Y for three years . . . always fun when she's around . . . works in a store every evening . . . hopes to become a secretary.

MARIE MALEY . . . "Mimi" . . . blonde hair, brown eyes . . . always happy and laughing . . . member of chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . loves riding in '48 Pontiac . . . enjoys taking part in sports.

EDWARD MANDICH . . . "Ed" . . one of the more quiet boys . . . member of junior prom committee . . . another faithful "gasoline lad" . . . likes to drive a car.

THERESA MAURIZI . . . "Terry" . . . quiet but offers many laughs . . . played the clarinet in the band and sang in girls' chorus . . . has a pleasing personality that makes many friends . . . hopes to operate a five and ten cent store someday.

JEAN MAY . . . "Jeannie" . . . quiet smile for everyone . . . belongs to chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . lent a helping hand to the junior play and the junior prom . . . spends her spare time working at an ice cream bar . . . is to be a nurse.

JAMES McCURDY . . . "Mac" . . . earned the name of "Bulldog" playing football . . . president of Hi-Y for two years . . . always rides around in new cars . . . helped make the prom a success as co-chairman . . . no ambition except to graduate.

JOHN McGAHAN . . . "Jack" . . . always riding a large group of girls in a '36 Dodge coupe . . . helps clean up school in the evenings . . . member of Hi-Y and Key Club . . . gave a good performance in the junior play.

DAVID MEYERS . . . "Dave" . . . a quiet fellow . . . handy man for our junior prom . . . an early bird who pumps gas before school . . . favors crisp, fried chicken . . . hopes to own his own gas station.

DOROTHY NIEWIARA . . . "Dot" . . . very interested in art . . . hopes to become an interior decorator . . . quiet nature . . . active member of Tri-Hi-Y . . . member of girls' chorus.

DOLORES O'HERN . . . "Dee" . . . full of pep and energy . . sings in the girls' chorus and plays guard on basketball team . . . always dining on potato salad . . . hopes to be a beauty operator.

IDA OROSZ . . . "Ida" . . . one of the three musketeers . . . very quiet nature . . . enjoys acrobatics and other sports . . . dancing is her favorite pastime.

JEAN PACK . . . "Jean" . . . a small girl with light brown hair . . . active member of Tri-Hi-Y . . . likes swing music . . . likes to sing . . . hopes to get an office position.

WILLIAM PICKFORD . . . "Bill" . . . indifferent, carefree . . . has a laugh for everyone . . . played guard on the football team . . . performed well as catcher on the baseball team . . . would like to become a big league ball player.

WALTER POLKA . . . "Walt" . . . McKeesport's gift to East . . . performed well as a member of football, baseball and basketball squads . . . member of Hi-Y . . . marked by his flashy sweaters . . . hopes some day to become a mortician.

ANDREW POMMER . . . "Andy" . . . a great fun lover . . . spends time working on his car . . . works in a gas station . . . aims to get a Cadillac.

ANNA POMMER . . . "Ann" . . . another of our girls who works after school . . . always has a smile . . . interested member of the Library Club, Tri-Hi-Y, and chorus . . . hopes to be a good secretary for some firm.

RICHARD POWELSON . . . "Squirrel" . . . always likes a joke . . . quick on the comeback . . . likes basketball and swimming . . . hopes to become an apprentice after graduation.

PETER RADULOVIC . . . "Pete" . . . popular member of football, basketball, and baseball teams . . . passionate lover of the junior play . . . member of Key Club and Hi-Y . . . hopes to go to college after graduation.

LOIS RANKIN . . . "Lois" . . . always smiling and gay . . . a great sense of humor . . . likes all sports, especially basketball . . . active in Tri-Hi-Y . . . wants to be a secretary.

WILLIAM REHRER . . . "Baldy" . . . our junior custodian with an executive flair . . . football standby . . . hopes to learn the pattern making trade . . . maybe the army.

ELIZA ROGERS . . . "Freckles" . . . has a gift for writing poetry and short stories . . . active in Tri-Hi-Y and chorus . . . was literary editor of the school paper . . . wants to become a nurse.

CHARLOTTE ROWLEY . . . "Bunny" . . . one of our lively misses . . . a favorite cheerleader . . . active member of Tri-Hi-Y and chorus . . . secretary of the Library Club . . . spends her time eating . . . likes all sports, especially basketball . . . wants to be someone's private secretary.

ANNA MAE SANDIN . . . "Sandy" . . . a lively commercial . . . played clarinet in band . . . member of chorus and Tri-Hi-Y . . . spends after school hours working and working . . . goes to dances in her spare time.

BEATRICE SCHAFFER . . . "Bea" . . . a girl with an everlasting, cheerful smile . . member of Tri-Hi-Y . . . sings soprano in the girls' chorus . . . loves horseback riding . . . wants to be a rancher.

ROBERT SCHLIFFKA . . . "Bob" . . . member of Hi-Y and Press Club . . . hard-hitting, left-handed pitcher . . . has maroon Ford convertible . . . good at telling jokes . . . likes the girls . . . took part in the junior play and prom committee.

ALFRED SHALKOWSKI . . . "Chick" . . . known to all by his wise cracks . . . great admirer of French class . . . seen at all football games leading the band in a drum-major's uniform.

MARJORIE SHIELDS . . . "Margie" . . . lovely, blonde-haired . . . active member of band and orchestra . . . handy at Tri-Hi-Y activities . . . sings a beautiful soprano . . . art editor of JUN-SEN . . . participates in Library Club . . . dignified matron in the junior play . . . aims to become a music director and an instructor of religious education.

RICHARD SMITH . . . "Gizzy" . . . not so quiet as he may appear . . . likes to tell jokes . . . good Hi-Y vice-president in the junior year . . . works hard after school as a mechanic . . . hopes to own a garage of his own.

JOSEPH STARK . . . "Joe" . . . captain and fullback of football team . . . also valuable member of basketball and baseball squads . . . active member of Hi-Y . . . managed to stay awake in P.O.D. class . . . hopes o "engineer" some day.

ELWOOD STARR . . . "El" . . . a worthy friend . . . active member of Hi-Y and Key Club . . . will attend trade school to become an expert mechanic.

CHARLES TOPLEY . . . "Chuck" . . . cheerful, red head . . . always smiling or telling a joke . . . likes fishing or hunting . . . good Hi-Y member . . . works hardest after 4 P.M. . . . has no definite plans for the future.

MARILYN WILCOX . . . "Mairzie" . . . easily recognized by her black hair . . . third finger, left hand occupied . . . horses are her hobby . . . enjoys motorcycle riding very much.

EARLE WINKLE . . . "Buggsy" . . . ought to get a new laugh . . . always seen with a blonde-haired sophomore . . . was on the gridiron for three years . . . future is uncertain.

ROBERT WOMELDORF . . . "Bob" . . . a little on the quiet side . . . joined us in 1946 . . . active member of Hi-Y . . . wants to run his father's trucking business.

DOROTHY ZOLLER . . . "Dot" . . . a vivacious brunette . . . one of the three musketeers . . . always smiling and laughing . . . loves to polka.

CLASS HISTORY

NINTH YEAR

We came back to school in September of '45 feeling mighty proud because we were freshmen at last. We found many new additions to the class and to the faculty, and in the office was Miss Gillis, our new secretary.

Two weeks preceding the opening of school the football team was sent by the Boosters to Maple Grove for pre-season training. The freshmen that honored the squad were Alfer, Cramer, Radulovic, McCurdy, Beck, Stark, Powelson, Rehrer, Pickford, Baker, and Craig. The end of the season found an undefeated team, trained under the tireless efforts of Coach Weaver. We missed the championship playoffs through lack of points. The successful season was celebrated with a banquet sponsored by the Kiwanis and the Boosters at the Penn McKee Hotel.

The JUN-SEN NEWS, under Mrs. Swauger, again won honors in the P.S.P.A. contest.

Under Mr. Weaver, our basketball team also saw an undefeated season. It entered the W.P.I.A.L. finals but was eliminated in the second game.

An outstanding Spring Music Festival was held under the direction of Miss Mary Carbines.

The term ended with the school picnic at Kennywood, and we were all happy, anticipating three months of vacation fun.

TENTH YEAR

We felt even prouder as sophomores when we could look down on someone.

Our football team didn't do quite so well this year. Those on the team from the class of '49 were Cramer, McCurdy, Craig, Stark, Radulovic, Pickford, Rehrer, Baker, Hodder, Czarnecki, and Winkle. The end of the season showed five wins, two losses, and one tie.

The JUN-SEN NEWS again won honors, placing first in the P.S.P.A. contest and second place in the C.S.P.A. contest.

Adrienne Curry, Dolores Furlong, Shirley Larson, and Charlotte Rowley were chosen cheerleaders.

The chorus, band, and orchestra, under the direction of Miss Carbines held a winter festival. Solo numbers were presented by Marjorie Shields, Jean Cortright, and Audrey Hilt.

Those who took Latin observed Latin week by visiting Buhl Planetarium, where Jim Alfer's project was on display. A Latin quiz was broadcast and Marjorie Shields won second place.

Basketball season showed Craig, Stark, Beck, Radulovic, Pickford, and Hondal trying to help gain a victory for East High. The season brought twelve wins and six defeats.

We had a fairly good baseball season. Schliffka, Alfer, Craig, Cramer, Beck, Pickford, Stark, and Radulovic helped to make possible four wins and three defeats.

By the time May rolled around, most of us had spring fever and couldn't wait for vacation. We all went to Kennywood and enjoyed ourselves.

ELEVENTH YEAR

Well! Here we were members of that glorious group of humans called the juniors.

The football team, under the capable guidance of Coach Meise, enjoyed one of the greatest seasons in the history of our school, winning eight and tying one. Members of this team from our class were Craig, Cramer, Czarnecki, Hodder, Radulovic, Pickford, Rehrer, Winkle, Stark, Baker, Polka, and McCurdy. Our band performed just as admirably as the team. The majorettes were Betty Brown, Audrey Farmer, and Audrey Hilt. At the Friday morning pep meetings were the cheerleaders Curry, Rowley, Larson, and Furlong. The basketball and baseball teams also turned in successful seasons.

The newspaper staff, under the direction of Mrs. Swauger, also brought fame to our school and placed highly in the P.S.P.A. contest and the C.S.P.A. contest.

The junior play, under the direction of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Suddaby, failed to win any Academy Awards but "June Mad" played successfully to a large audience.

Jane Carbines brought East McKeesport honor by participating in the Western Pennsylvania Band Festival at Canonsburg.

The highlight of the year was the Junior Prom, held at the Penn McKee Hotel in McKeesport. The oriental theme was carried out very well.

The year ended with the annual picnic and everyone left school to seek greener pastures elsewhere.

TWELFTH YEAR

At last, our big year, the year we had been waiting for, from the day we walked into the building as freshmen. We were the seniors of East McKeesport High School.

Our football team had another highly successful year on the gridiron. Among our senior boys who performed brilliantly all year were Craig, Cramer, Czarnecki, Hodder, Radulovic, Pickford, Rehrer, Winkle, Stark, Baker, and Polka. The team compiled a record of seven victories against two defeats.

Rick Pack and Henry Rymarowicz left our class to serve Uncle Sam in the Army.

The Key Club, under Mr. Jones and Mr. Meise, with six senior boys as members, sold scorecards at the home football games.

The class officers for the "49'ers" were Alfred Thalheimer, president; Dave Cramer, vice-president; Dolores Furlong, secretary.

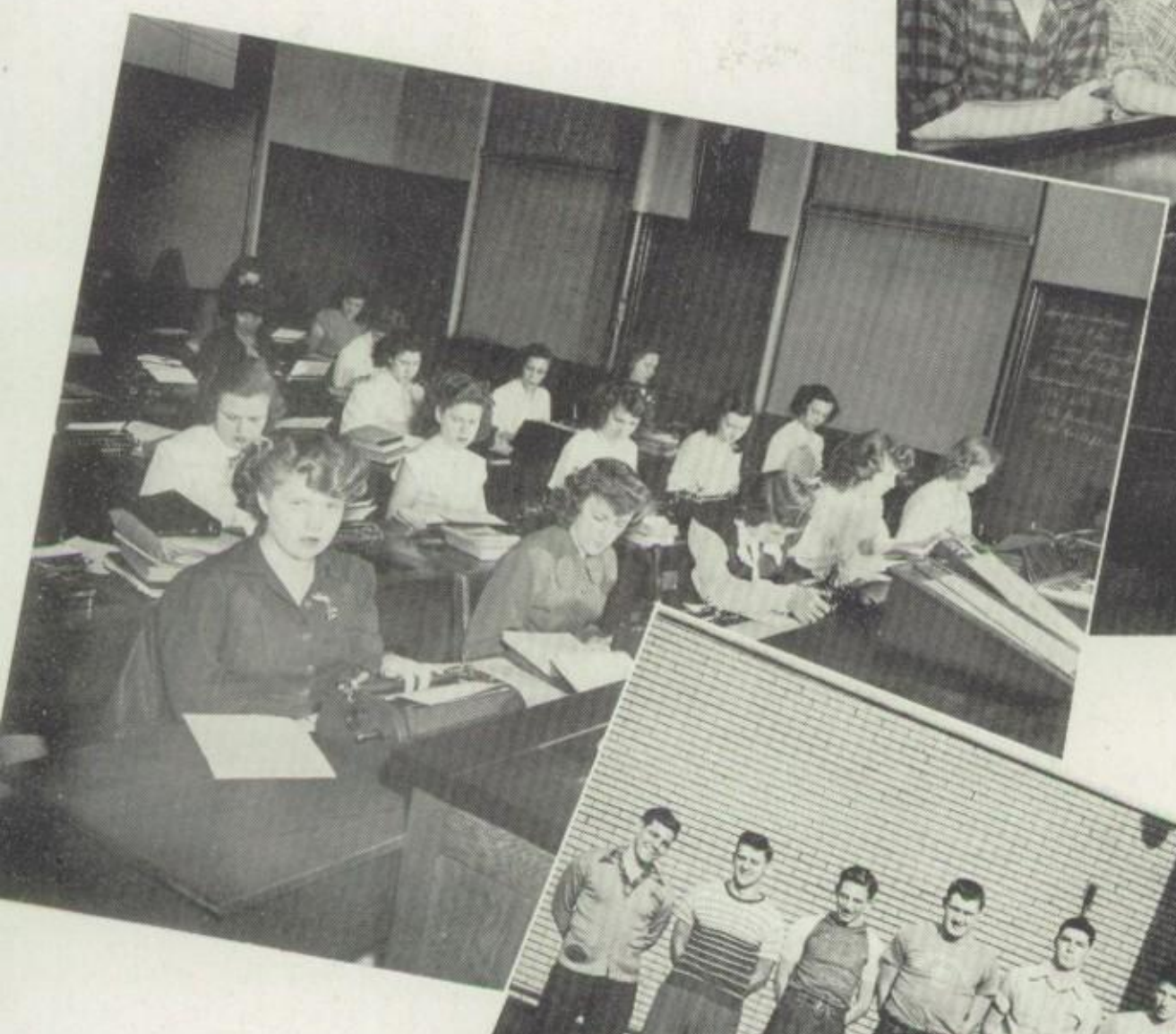
One of the highlights of the year was the romantic Christmas dance, sponsored by the Senior Tri-Hi-Y girls. A "big name" orchestra supplied the music.

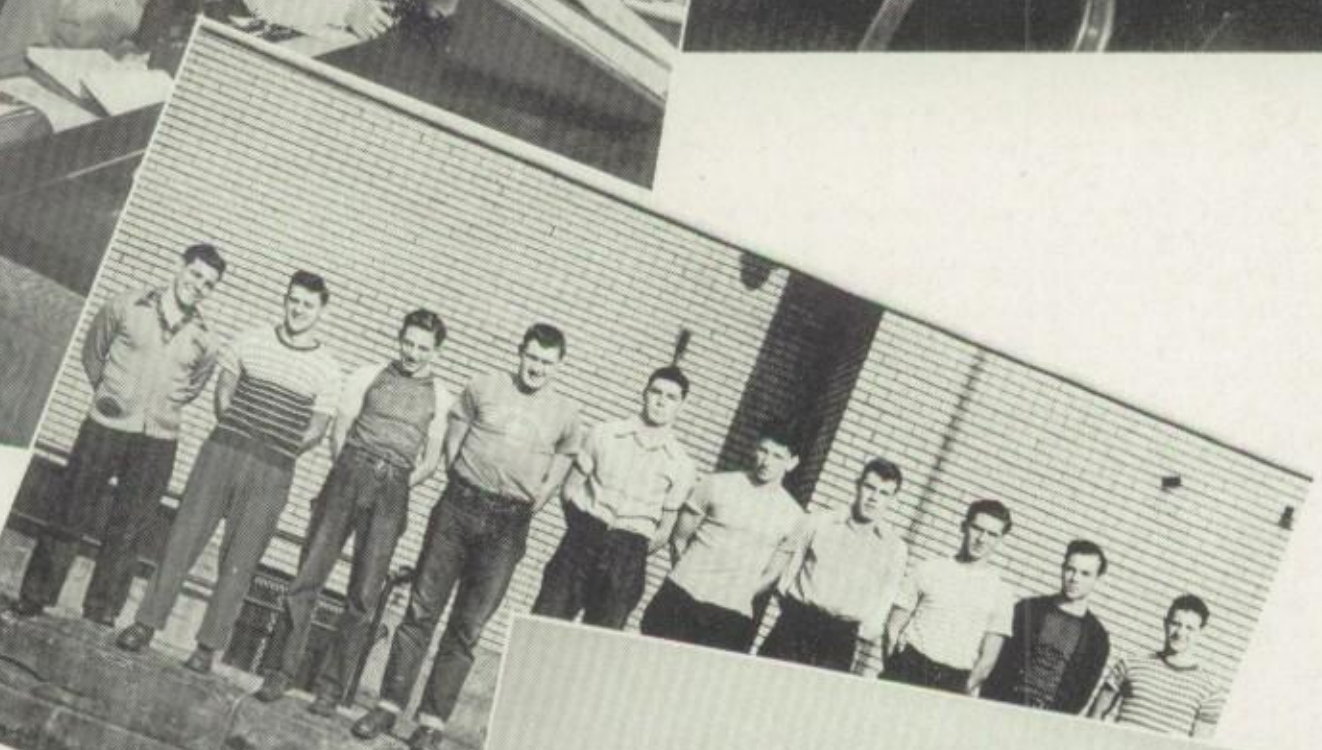
The basketball team took right up where the football team left off and rang up an impressive list of victories. Among the dashing seniors who were bulwarks of the squad were Radulovic, Craig, Hondal, Beck, and Stark.

And then suddenly spring was here, and the seniors scurried around the building like a lot of busy little elves, autographing yearbooks for admiring undergraduates, cramming for final high school examinations, and above all preparing for graduation. However, we found time to attend the prom, sponsored by the erstwhile juniors, in final tribute to the magnificent, departing seniors.

The baseball team, with several potential big league stars, provided plenty of entertainment for some of our after school hours. Among the departing seniors who were playing their final interscholastic athletics were Radulovic, Craig, Stark, Cramer, Polka, Schliffka, Pickford, and Beck.

At last the time had arrived. After many hours of strenuous practicing, we were ready to say goodbye with Senior Morning, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. We assumed a cloak of poise and dignity. Happiness bloomed on each familiar face, but the honest eye betrayed the sadness in the heart. How true are the oft-quoted words of the immortal bard: "Parting is such sweet sorrow." After the annual picnic at Kennywood and with our diplomas in our hands, we marched to a new and greater station in life.





CLASS WILL

1. We, the Senior Class of '49, being of supposedly sound mind and body, leave our best wishes to Mrs. Muir and Mr. Runk and the faculty.

II. To the juniors we leave our quiet ways and manners.

III.

1. "Foodle" Alfer leaves his job of blowing the tuba to Archie Canalungo.
2. "Wild Bill" Eicher leaves his fiendish ideas to Paul Ponte.
3. "Biff" Baker leaves his trips to Irwin to someone with an excuse.
4. Jane Carbines leaves her "A" in citizenship to Dalton Pack.
5. Ed Mandich leaves his jokes and stories to Dunny Cramer.
6. "Bird" Craig leaves his two front teeth to Cotty Martin.
7. "Gizzy" Smith leaves his reasons for being absent to Ruth Losteter.
8. Jean May leaves Andy Blasko to the freshmen girls.
9. "Berky" Berkoben just leaves, after much consideration.
10. "Wadoo" Polka leaves his ability to make girls swoon to "Louie" Haberback.
11. "Bunny" Rowley leaves her privilege to sit in a car till the late bell rings to Dolores Busch.
12. "Davie" Cramer leaves his trip to Bach's to "Bobbie" Losteter.
13. Joe Hondal leaves his lovely trained black curly hair to Rich Cowan.
14. Marie Maley leaves her jokes to anyone who wants them.
15. Jack McGahan leaves his ability to buy good cars to Dick Johnson.
16. Lorene Grimm leaves her quietness to John Suskey.
17. Alfie Thalheimer leaves his 6 foot, 2 inch frame to "Jackie" Klingensmith.
18. Paul Hodder leaves his size twelve shoes to anyone with feet big enough to wear them.
19. Eliza Rogers leaves her knowledge of French to Lane Stauffer.
20. Audrey Farmer leaves her ability to get her man to Joan Vorce.
21. Chuck, Topley leaves his job at Balsamo's to anyone who is desperate.
22. Pete Radulovic leaves his stature to Jimmie Farrell.
23. "Tilt" Hilt leaves her nickname "Shoes" to anyone wearing the new look.
24. "Dewey" Landstrom leaves his place as sports writer to the Shafer twins.
25. Margie Shields leaves her quiet voice to Bill Cipra.
26. Wilma Fowler leaves her stagecoach to Ethel Cramer to get in from Third Street.
27. Bob Schliffka leaves his excuses to the juniors. They didn't work.
28. Joe Stark leaves his large frame and athletic ability to Mary Rose Fragomeni.
29. Jean and Jane Frommell leave their ability not to argue between themselves to the Wades.
30. Donnie Gebhart leaves his P.O.D. map to Tony March.
31. Jean Cortright leaves her nickname "Peanut" to Bob Dellett.
32. Jim Baer leaves his privilege of being in school one day a week to Bobbie Hodder.
33. Dick Hammer leaves his knowledge of chemistry to next year's senior class—they'll need it.
34. Betty Brown leaves everything to her sister, Nancy.
35. Bill Rehrer leaves his nickname "Baldy" to Edgar Klingensmith.
36. Andy Pommer leaves his skill in automotive maneuvering to Yvonne Busch.
37. Rose Cardo leaves her witty remarks to anyone who can use them.
38. La Verne Daugherty leaves her quiet ways to Ruth Smith—in hopes!
39. Marion Christopher leaves her long jaunts to school to her sister.
40. Terry Maurizi leaves her naturally curly hair to Lorna Laughery.
41. Dot Niewiara leaves her place at the skating rinks to anyone who would like to know the ups and downs of skating.
42. Joanne Lynn leaves her great imagination to anyone willing to take a chance.
43. Betty Koelsch leaves her A in shorthand to Betty Mainwaring.
44. Dolores Furlong leaves her pleasing personality to the sophomores.
45. Bill Beard leaves his eye to judge girls to Johnny Tucci.
46. "Duke" Lang leaves his five o'clock shadow to Stan Ament.
47. Helen Kondrich leaves her basketball ability to George O'Roark.
48. Dave Meyers leaves his forgiving talent to Al Pici.
49. Bill Smith receives "Squirrel" Powelson's complaints.
50. "Yuk" Helderlien gets Ed Hughes' nickname "Deadeye."
51. El Starr leaves his theory on "Einstein's theory" to Paul King.
52. Helen Kelly leaves her seat in bookkeeping class to anyone who likes arithmetic.
53. Ann Pommer leaves her curlers and bottle of wave set to Ronald Mehaffey.
54. Bob "Clem" Czarnecki leaves his seat at the Urban to anyone with someone to wait for.
55. Marilyn Klimek leaves her pleasing personality to Duane Montgomery.
56. Beatrice Schaffer drops her love of horses to anybody who has room for them.
57. Joan Hardin gets Margaret Lacivita's trips to the Palisades.
58. Dot Zoller leaves her dime for the bus to Turk Farmer.
59. Marlene Blend gets Shirley Larson's cheerleading ability.
60. Joan O'Hern receives her sister's bookkeeping ability.
61. Ida Orosz and Sylvia Basile leave their jitterbugging at the fire hall to Donna Skender and Hazel Churchfield.
62. Wormy Womeldorf leaves his razor to Dave Moffitt.
63. Virginia Cipra leaves her P.O.D. seat to Tom Gwillim in hopes.
64. Jack Beck leaves his floogle horn to the band.
65. Mac McCurdy leaves his parking place to Mickey Bach.
66. Dodo Tapparo receives Bugs Winkle's weights and bar-bell.
67. Bud Hardman leaves his seat in Economic Geography to Benny Bishop.
68. Adrienne Curry leaves her male-snares (man traps) to Norma Busch.
69. Harry Harper leaves his Charles Atlas pamphlet to George Pindro.
70. Angy Alfieri leaves her art of sewing to Harry Horsman.
71. Jack Zorn gets Bill Pickford's gum band arm.
72. Jean Pack leaves quietness to Donnie Doyle.
73. Marilyn Wilcox leaves her mania for motorcycles to someone with nerve.
74. Ann Pommer leaves her vacations to Catherine Kelly.
75. Ann Attig receives Lois Rankin's knowledge of girls' basketball.
76. Al Shalkowski leaves his drum major uniform to anyone it will fit.
77. Anna Mae Sandin leaves her ability to reach school as the bell rings to any enterprising junior.

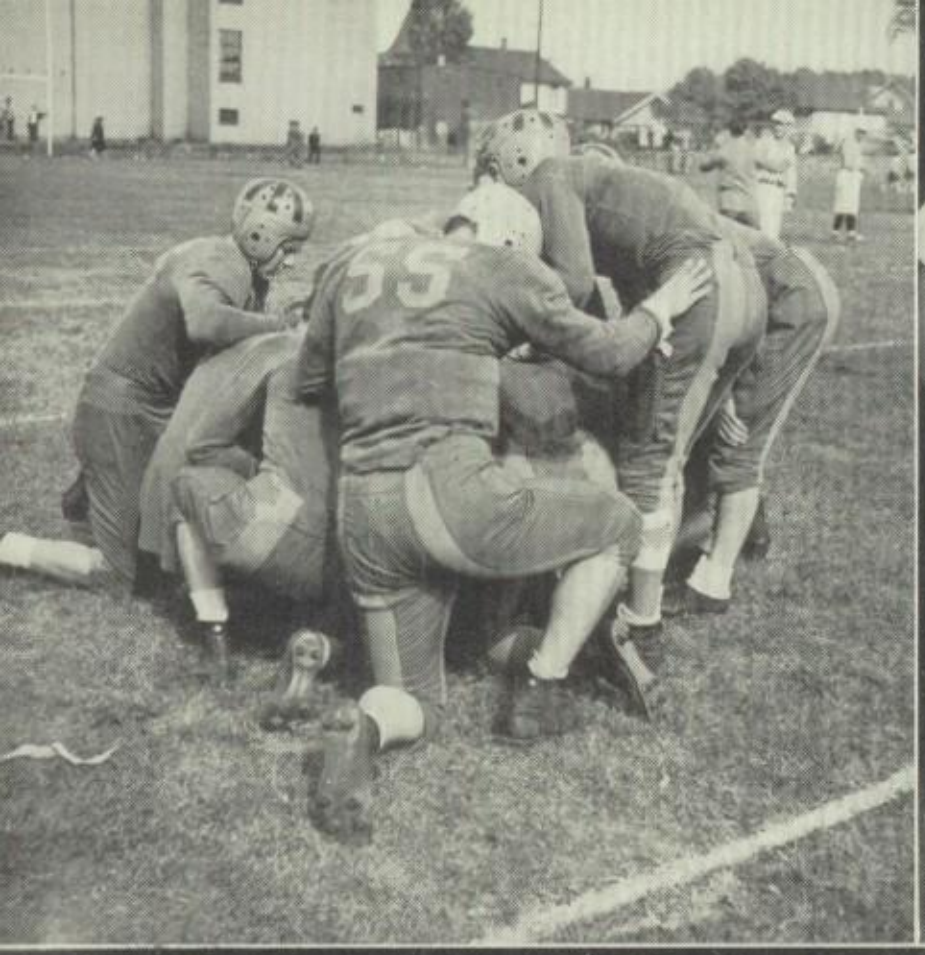
Signed—Al "Chick" Shalkowski
Sealed—Audrey "Queenie" Farmer
Bob "Schomooe" Schliffka
Charlotte "Bunny" Rowley

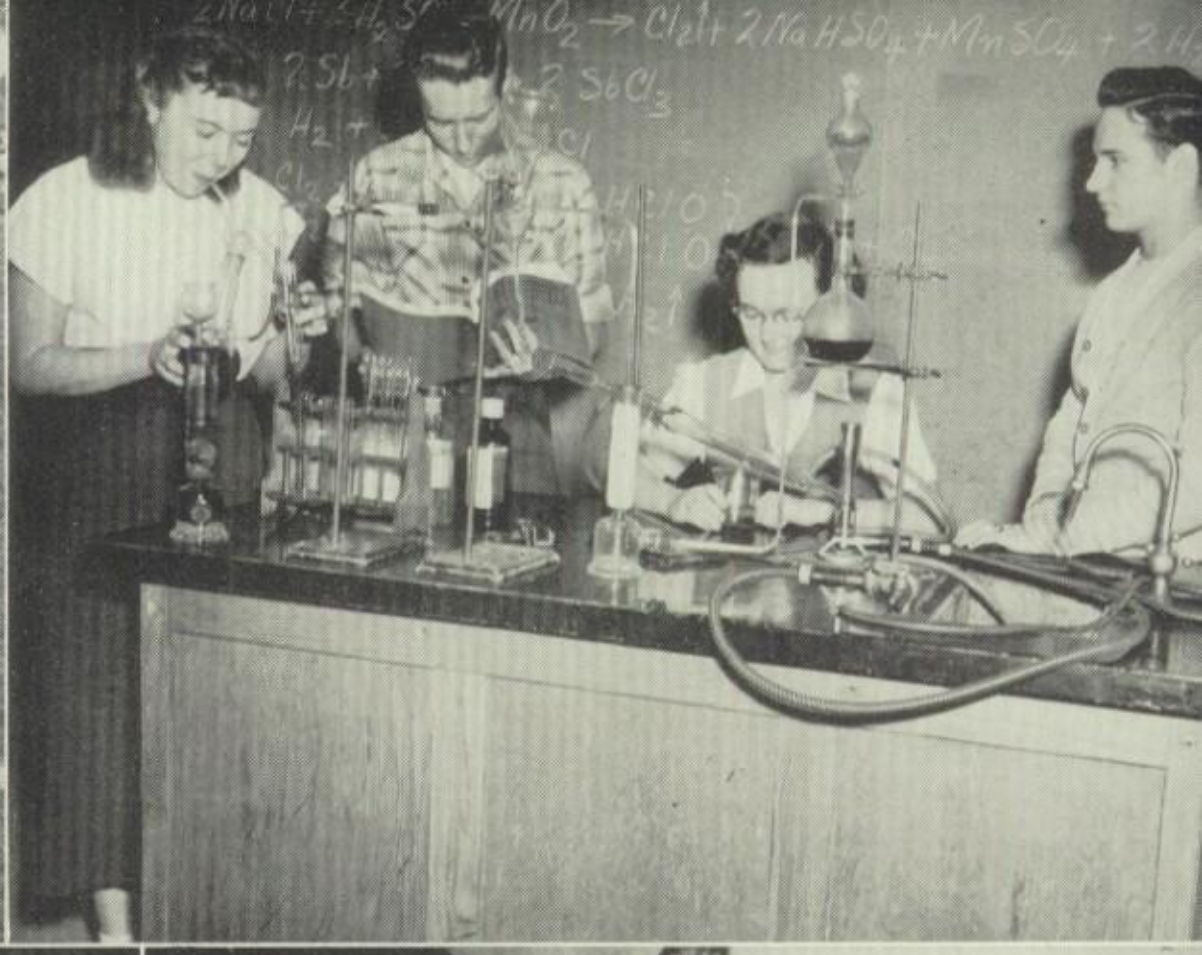
CLASS PROPHECY

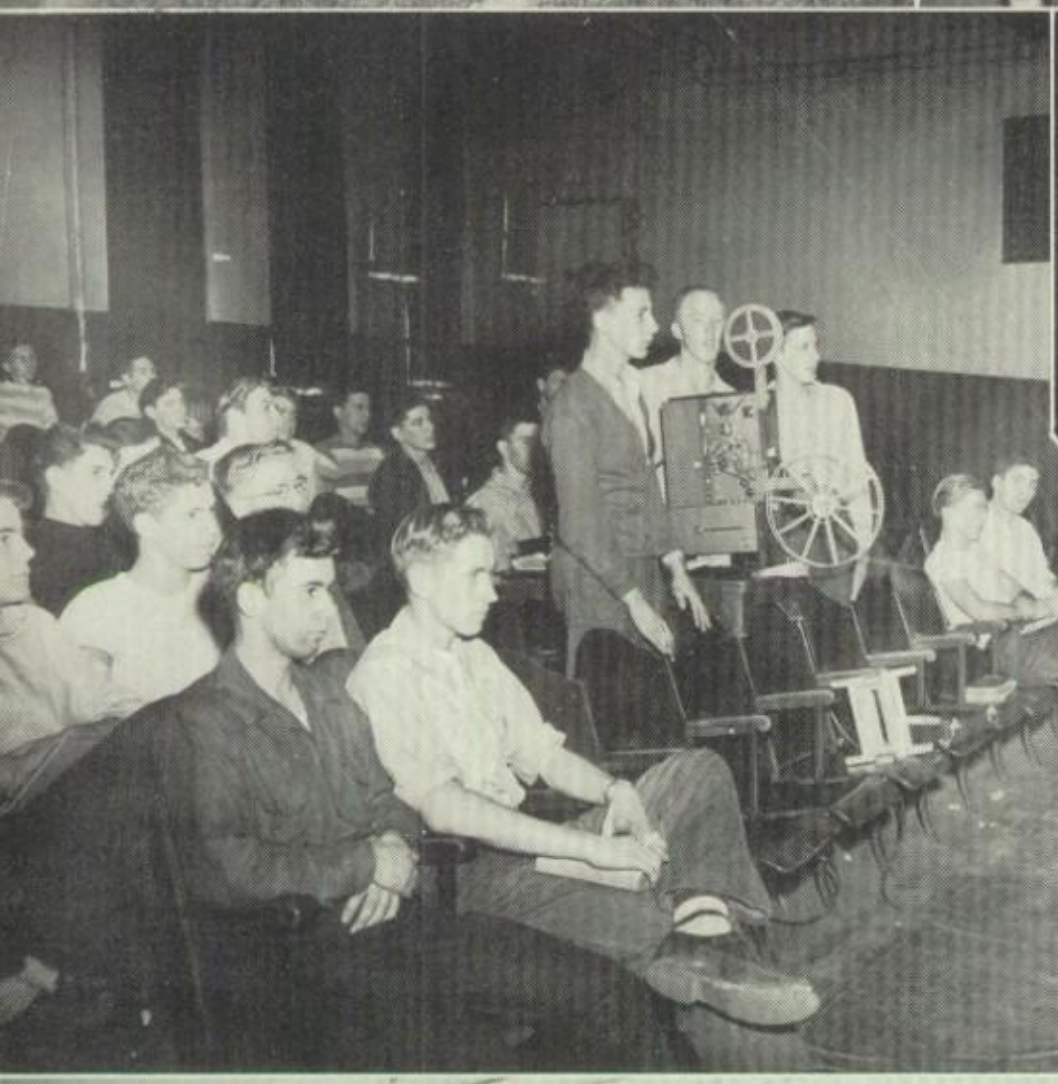
Partners and Owners of "The Knockout Resort"
Time: 1968
Place: Resort, "The Knockout" on the moon.
Jack McGahan: We certainly have been getting a lot of business lately. Those people on earth and Mars must be getting richer. Practically everyone that comes here owns a deluxe rocket ship.
Eliza Rogers: And did you notice the name of the manufacturing company on those that were here last week? Almost everyone I looked at read "McCurdy and Craig Manufacturing Company."
J: Did you hear about Craig's running a bus line up Woodmont on the side? He says there's no money in the manufacturing of rockets. He and his wife, Janie Carbines, seem to be doing rather well, though. By the way, McCurdy has invented a new kind of car. It's called the "It" car.
E: Speaking of old friends, I wonder whatever happened to Marjorie Shields and Jean Cortright. They had such lovely voices.
J: Oh, I thought you'd heard. Marjorie is on a singing tour abroad and Jean is at the Met. They are doing quite well for themselves.
E: Yes, they are. But the kids I remember most are Jean May and Joe Stark. She's a nurse now, you know, and he is a football star at a little college on earth called D.O.P.E.
J: Speaking of nurses, I saw a down right cute one attending that snooty Miss Rowley last week end. She just couldn't be separated from her dog Fido.

(Sudden interruption by janitors Berkoben, Smith, Pickford, and Winkle. Each carries mops and scrub buckets. With signs of recognition to those present, they dutifully begin scrubbing.)

E. Here comes "Big Bob" Baker with his troupe. I hope they have a good floor show for a change. Let's watch them run through it.
J: Run through it. You mean run over it, but I'll watch anyhow. Look who is in his gang. Why, there's Marie Maley, Dee O'Hern, Ida Orosz, and Bea Schaffer. Haven't seen them since '49? They're some of the chorus girls. Wow! Get an eyefull of their torch singer, Terry Maurizi. Why, there's Edward Mandich accompanying her.
E: Let's send them a request song. Where did those bellhops go?
J: Wait a second. I'll call one (After frantically pushing the desk bell he begins to shout.) Meyers (Pause) Pommer (Pause) Powelson (Pause). (Grunt of anger.) They're probably off between floors with the elevator boys Topley, Hodder, and Womeldorf. Guess I'll have to take it myself—
E: Here comes the cook. Let him take it to her.
J: That's an idea. Hey, Shalkowski, give this to that singer over there.
(Cook takes it to her.)
She reminds me of that girl Dot Zoller, who was voted Miss Moonglow of '68. *The Mars Chronicle* certainly played that up.
E: Here comes their announcer Bill Rehrer. I know he's good; at least he talks all the time anyhow.
J: Speaking of talkative people, can you ever forget Niewiara, Pack, and Pommer? They talked a mile a minute. Dot Niewiara is a telephone operator now, but Jean Pack and Ann Pommer are secretaries to Radulovic's Detective Agency.
J: Yes, I know. He just won a case for Wadoo Polka about someone's body. Since Wadoo's a mortician he has been quite successful, but there was a mixup over whom he preserved. Lois Rankin said it was her chauffeur but Anna Mae Sandin said it was hers. I never did find out who it was.
E: By the way, whatever happened to the gas station gang?
J: Oh. you mean Alfer, Gebhart, and Beard.
E: Yes.
J: Alfer's Refining Company opened another new office last week and Gebhart and Beard have been promoted to assistants at the Sanity Fill.
E: Whatever happened to the rest of the gang?
J: Dewey Landstrom is the chief sports writer for the *New York Dimes*. Dave Cramer is the president of Bolumbia University.
E: Did you hear about the Frommell twins?
J: No, what are they doing now?
E: They opened an art shop in New York. One of the twins dropped in the other day and said Audrey Hilt and Virginia Cipra are their chief customers.
J: Remember Eicher and Czarnecki?
E: Yes? What about them?
J: Eicher opened a Packard garage and Clem runs a Dodge garage.
E: I was talking to Wilma Fowler and Marion Christopher the other day. They said that Audrey Farmer, Natalie Eremic, La Verne Daugherty, and Rose Cardo have settled down to peaceful married lives. Joe Hondal and Jim Baer have opened their own vegetable market. And "Duke" Lang has just made his tenth million making Harper's Hobby Horses. Hughes is the chief salesman for the nags.
J: Whatever became of those other nice looking girls in our class, Eliza?
E: Why Dolores Furlong and Lorene Grimm are now Senators in Congress. Betty Koelsch is a music teacher and Shirley Larson opened her newest reducing salon in Chicago last week. Adrienne Curry is the head of a modeling studio and Dick Hammer is her chief talent scout. So far, he has brought in such famous models as Margaret "The Look" Lacivita, Sylvia "The Eyes" Basile, along with Helen Kelly and Joanne Lynn. Helen Kondrich and Marilyn Klimek model there, too. By the way, what happened to Jack Beck and Betty Brown?
J: Beck's Law Firm is doing a wonderful business and Betty, of course, is Mrs. Beck now. His secretary, he told me, is the most efficient Angelina Alfieri.
E: I heard he has gotten Hardman out of some lawsuits about twelve times. Look! Here's one of those new inventions called the nose muff. Al Thalheimer invented it to keep his nose warm, but after you get it on you can't breathe.
J: Maybe he planned it that way.
E: You're impossible. Did you see my new hat? How do you like it?
J: Tell me what it is first and then I'll express my opinion.
E: Why it's an original Wilcox, Starr, and Schliffka creation. It's called the last rose of summer.
J: Looks like it, too.
E: Well, that remark leaves me cold.



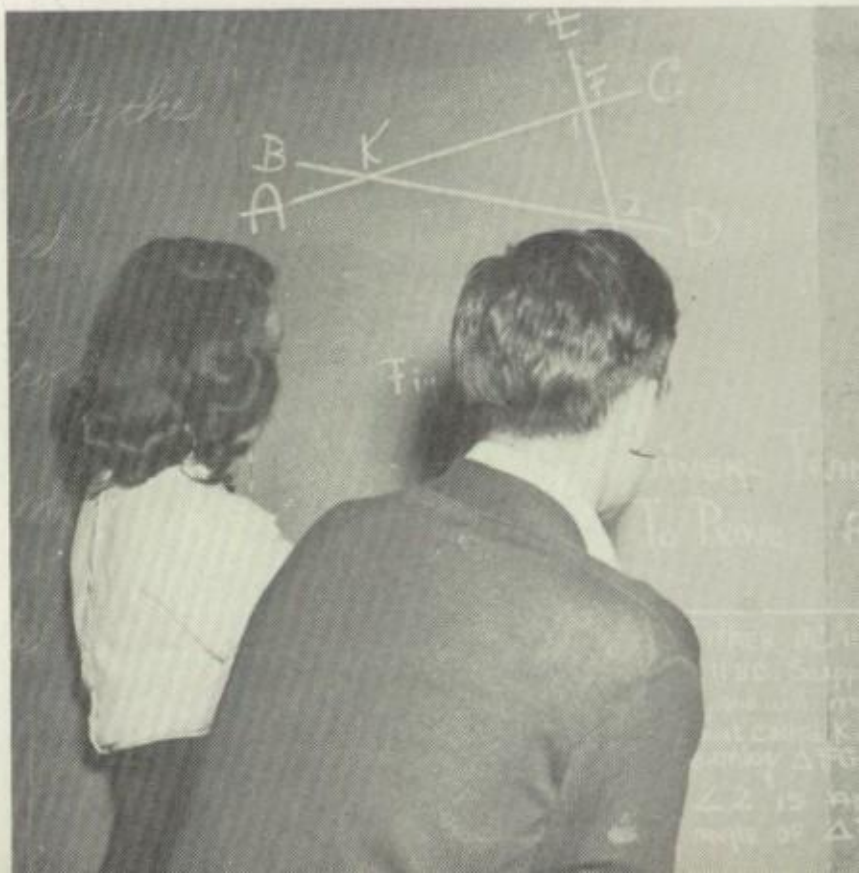




STILL ON THE TRAIL

Row 1: Naomi Curry, Shirley Bach, Yvonne Busch, Harry Horsman, Alvin Katz, Paul Miller, David Marts, James Farrall, Lillian Conti, Elizabeth Hitchens, Betty Mainwaring, *Row* 2: Marilyn Buettner, Louise Eicher, Russell Gerhart, George O'Roark, Donald Bookheimer, Paul Harrison, Miss Sayers, Mr. Arnold, Frank Storch, Richard Baer, Graham Douglas, William Cipra, Stanley Ament, Eugene Sarver. *Row* 3: Carlton Martin, Robert Dellett, Donald Cramer, Thomas March, Robert Zimmerman, William Smith, Louise Gilbert, Norman Rubash, Paul King, Robert Santner, Alex Pici, David Kelly.

ELEVENTH GRADE



Row 1: Jack Klingensmith, Alice O'Hern, Frank Graham, Ann Attig, Ruth Hoffman, Marjorie Gillis, Dennis O'Brien, Harry May, Ruth Bach, Shirley Rehrer, Mary Rose Fragomeni. *Row* 2: Jack McCreanor, Jean Gilmore, Phyllis Armstrong, Martha Brady, Mary Ellen Horsman, Janet Wise, Betty Uhlir, Joan Hardin, Miss Houser, Carol Carlson, Ethel Cramer, Rita Yanigan, Alma Erlain, Shirley Poling, Betty Tietze, Nancy McEwen, Carmen Canalungo. *Row* 3: Richard Patterson, Ronald Hurley, Ronald Mench, Hazel Churchfield, Joan O'Hern, Catherine Kelly, Merle Bailey, Donna Skender, Ruth Losteter, Nancy Brown, Ruth Smith, Esther Millberg, Louise Matrocola.

ELEVENTH GRADE

Row 1: Joan Vorce, Donna Jakes, Ann Cvetan, Frances Gebhart, Bert Hodder, Rita Hensler, Richard Farmer, Grace Lorentz, Nancy Rohm, Loretta Christopher, Lois Ament. *Row* 2: Janet Grimm, Arlene Vorce, Marlene Blend, Shirley Howell, Donald Brady, David Moffitt, Ronald Mehaffey, Mrs. Jones, Verna Ferguson, Melvin Rhodes, Lorna Laughery, Chloe Shipley, Etta Morrison, Patricia Rothrauff, Richard Barr. *Row* 3: Joan Martinsek, Marlyn Merlin, Christy O'Hern, Girard Genito, Jean Blend, DeMaris Feely, Henry Dombroske, John Bayko, Betty Davis, Robnet Watson, Peggy George.

TENTH GRADE

Row 1: Louise Gida, Patricia Swanson, Carol Sullivan, Joan Wade, Louis Haberbek, Mervyn Rhodes, Leonard Storch, Jean Wade, Shirley Sentipal, Donna Lynn, Mary Ann Bevan. *Row* 2: Paul Ponte, James Gilbert, George Shafer, Hugh Bruce, Kenneth Klimek, Richard Cowan, Miss Hilliard, Mrs. Suddaby, George Pindro, John Tucci, Robert Shafer, Robert Peterson, David Bevan, James Day. *Row* 3: Robert Johnson, Charles Estochen, Shirley Taber, William Beswick, Nancy McQuade, Lois Klingensmith, Ruth Kossmer, Betty Jones, Mildred Miller, Karl Kotulak, Jack Zorn.

TENTH GRADE

Row 1: Judy Yogodnik, Sherwood McEwen, Nancy Watt, Shirley Rowley, Betty Lee King, Joan Kibelbek, Dolores Busch, Dorothy Shelly, Shirley Garretson, Patricia Folkmire, Rose Cepko. *Row* 2: Robert Matibe, Edward Helfrich, Fred Fanto, Michael Tapparo, Donald Johnson, Kathleen Rankin, Richard Morgan, Mrs. Cantini, Mrs. Jones, Andrew Blasko, Patricia Hardman, Lawrence Giles, Byron Eisaman, Dalton Pack, Robert Hodder, Lois Reyes. *Row* 3: Robert Engle, Leonard Kudravy, Shirley Lutes, Donald Nicholls, John Zack, Carol Conner, Richard Pomponio, Bette Topley, John Howard, Joan Yogodnik.

NINTH GRADE

Row 1: Duane Montgomery, James Alfieri, Lillian Ily, Lucille Balsinger, Shirley Donahoe, Eleanor Buettner, Pauline Bach, Constance Venuto, Nancy Bach, Robert Losteter, David Montgomery. *Row* 2: Joan Salenski, Donald Franks, Shirley Zorn, Philip Bach, Edgar Klingensmith, Donald Ward, Betty Jean Wojcik, Miss Thomas, Irene Blasko, Norma Busch, Marilyn Wiltshire, John Cooper, Shirley Burrell, Donald Doyle, Alma Kolesar. *Row* 3: Phyllis Wessel, Shirley Johns, Donald Graham, Kurt Pommer, Richard McCreanor, Alfred Christeson, Donald Wall, Juanita Ginther, Shirley Wennagel, Helen Baer.

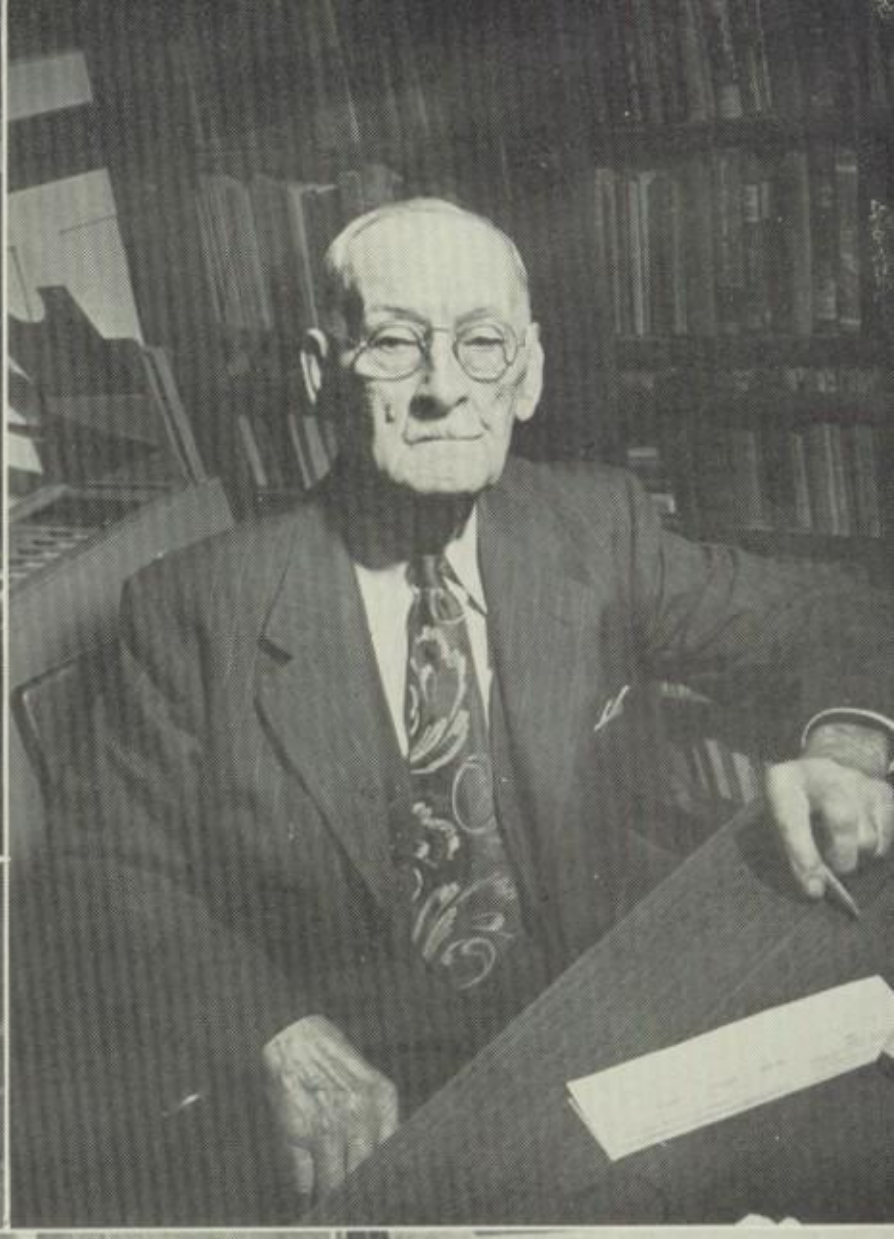
NINTH GRADE

Row 1: Emogene Uhlir, Arthur Canalungo, Rosemary Venuto, Charlene Dripps, Donald Smith, Benny Bishop, Willis Poling, Phyllis Pickett, Luella Correll, Robert Harper, Donald Churchfield. *Row* 2: Kenneth Utzler, Marion Siems, Joan Drost, Thomas Nulph, Marjorie Gilmore, Mary Cleeland, Fred Crosier, Jane Kibelbek, Mrs. Cantini, Miss Grove, Carol Beck, Judy Macut, Joann Stark, Dolores O'Neill, Paul Gusty, Terry Senley, Bertha Martinsek, John Fragomemi. *Row* 3: Nancy Kline, Franklyn Massung, John Duffy, Harold Nelson, Marian Bailey, Joan Graham, Mary Weishorn, Robert Smith, Richard Sauers, John Buterbaugh, John Suskey, William Dirling, Dale Jones, Dolores Rehrer, Hope Knezevich, Hubert Vuick, Mary Tucci, William May.

EIGHTH GRADE

Row 1: Frank Kelly, Wayne Austin, Thomas Jodon, Jean Topley, Nancy Beswick, John Bookheimer, Thomas Beal, Richard Tucci, Patricia Sarver, Joann Goykovich, Janet Mehaffey. *Row* 2: John Christeson, George Rogers, Jeanette Hicks, Shirley Brady, Wayne Bevan, Charles Baer, John Buenting, Norma Jean Klimek, Robert Helfrich, Janet Forsythe, Norma Cipra, Lorraine Harrison, Beverly Harrold, James Winkle, Rhodie Plowman, Janice Eisaman. *Row* 3: Betty Matibe, Wayne Bailey, Robert Gilmore, Daryl Brady, Arlee Easterly, Theodore Sandin, Norma Laughery, Charles Rowley, Larry Markferding, Donald Severino, Patricia Shoemaker.

SEVENTH GRADE



AT PLAY

Row 1: Joseph Hondal, David Cramer, Robert Schliffka. Row 2: Jane Carbines, Angelina Alfieri, Alfred Shalkowski, Jack McGahan, Marjorie Shields.

Joseph Hondal, Robert Schliffka, Angelina Alfieri, Jack McGahan, Marjorie Shields, Jane Carbines.

THE JUNIOR PLAY

After many evenings of practice, mingled with many a laugh, the class of '49 presented a three-act comedy, *June Mad*.

Penny Wood, like many other girls of fifteen, was undecided about a career. She considered dancing, writing and finally ended up with glider-crazy Chuck Harris. Chuck caused his father a great many worries, but in the end his father consented to his glider building. There were several love affairs which added to the romantic angle of the play.

There were many committees to help with the play, such as the property committee and the make-up committee. The property committee had a great number of props, including golf balls, lamps and tennis rackets, and even ice cream cones.

Under the leadership of the two able directors, Mrs. Jane Taylor and Mrs. Irene Suddaby, the play was a success.

Everyone who contributed to the success of the play enjoyed every moment it took to produce it.

Margaret Lacivita, Edward Hughes, Peter Radulovic, Jean Frommell, Betty Brown.

Andrew Pommer, William Rehrer, Edward Hughes, Jean May, Marjorie Shields, Audrey Hilt, Jane Frommell.

Row 1: Eliza Rogers, Jean Frommell, Mrs. Cantini, Mrs. Swauger, Mrs. Taylor, Carol Carlson, Marjorie Gillis, Naomi Curry. *Row 2:* Nancy Watt, Betty Uhlir, Shirley Sentipal, Joan Wade, Shirley Taber, Nancy McQuade, Robert Schliffka, Yvonne Busch, Jean Wade, Bette Topley, Janet Wise, Joan Kibelbek, Joan O'Hern. *Row 3:* Shirley Garretson, Patricia Folkmire, Dorothy Shelly, Audrey Hilt, Chloe Shipley, Louise Gida, Norman Rubash, Carol Sullivan, Lorna Laughery, Lorene Grimm, Judy Yogodnik, Betty Wojcik, Joan Yogodnik.

The JUN-SEN NEWS, the high school newsmagazine, is written, edited, and published by students from the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. During the 1948-49 term, approximately sixty students worked on the paper. School news and sports are a small, but important part, of the paper. The magazine section is devoted to literary, feature, editorial, and exchange material. In addition, the drawings produced by the art staff enliven the paper

PRESS CLUB

and make it more attractive.

The JUN-SEN NEWS has belonged to both the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the Pennsylvania School Press Association for several years. It has consistently won either first- or second-place awards in the contests sponsored by both associations.

Row 1: Jean Cortright, Ruth Hoffman, Louise Mastrocola, Mrs. Jones, Duane Landstrom, Miss Hilliard, Marjorie Shields, Shirley Rehrer, Nancy Bach. *Row 2:* Robert Shafer, Marian Christopher, Grace Lorentz, Peggy George, Betty Davis, Marlene Blend, Martha Brady, Paul Ponte, Nancy McEwen, Angelina Alfieri, Jean Blend, Rita Hensler, Donna Skender, Joan Martinsek, George Shafer. *Row 3:* Richard Pomponio, Juanita Ginther, Donna Jakes, Joan Salenske, Shirley Zorn, Donald Graham, Alma Kolesar, Virginia Cipra, Shirley Wennagel, Marilyn Wiltshire, Duane Montgomery.

OUR

The junior prom of May 21, 1948, was held at the Penn-McKee Hotel in McKeesport. This was the first year the prom was held out of school, and everyone who attended agreed that it was a great success. The theme of the prom was "The Dance of the Dragons."

The decorations were made at school by the junior class and consisted of a large "Buddha" at the head of the room and colorful Chinese lanterns hung along the walls.

The favors, that the girls carried on their wrists, were umbrellas made from handkerchiefs.

Refreshments consisted of cookies and punch, made by the refreshment committee.

Row 1: Robert Schliffka, Jean Cortright, James McCurdy, Betty Brown, Jean May. *Row 2:* David Meyers, Jane Frommell, Charlotte Rowley, Edward Mandich.

PROM

Volunteers from several classes served the punch and cookies in a room adjoining the ballroom.

The committees were advised by the co-chairmen, Betty Brown and James McCurdy. Jean May and David Meyers were in charge of publicity; Jane Frommell and Anna Pommer had charge of the favors.

Barry Lane's orchestra was selected to play by the co-chairmen of music, Jean Cortright and Robert Schliffka. The decorating committee was under the direction of Robert Baker and Edward Mandich. The co-chairmen heading the food committee were Betty Koelsch and Charlotte Rowley.

The very competent faculty advisers, under the general direction of Miss Ruth Houser, were Mrs. Frances Jones, Mr. Merlyn Jones, Mrs. Lucille Cantini, Miss Betty Ann Condron, and Miss Naomi Sayers.

Row 1: Shirley Rehrer, Shirley Larson, Marjorie Shields, Charlotte Rowley, Donna Jean Jakes. Row 2: Arlene Vorce, Louise Gida, Carol Carlson, Miss Sayers, Marilyn Buettner, Betty Uhlir, Ann Pommer.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club, composed of girls from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades, is an active educational group under the supervision of Miss Naomi Sayers.

The club duties include taking inventory, decorating the library bulletin boards, mending and cataloging books; in general, helping the school to have a better library.

As a diversion from the regular meetings, the girls had a covered dish dinner, bowling parties, and other good times. Early in the year the club presented an assembly play which they themselves had written.

ALPHA TRI-HI-Y

Row 1: Jean Cortright, Virginia Cipra, Jean Pack, Anna Mae Sandin, Betty Brown, Miss Houser, Lois Rankin, Helen Kondrich, Audrey Farmer, Marian Christopher, Beatrice Schaffer. *Row 2:* Shirley Larson, Marilyn Wilcox, Joanne Lynn, Jean May, Dolores Furlong, Jean Frommell, Dorothy Niewiara, Marilyn Klimek, Jane Frommell, Betty Koelsch, LaVerne Daugherty, Wilma Fowler, Adrienne Curry, Marjorie Shields, Jane Carbines. *Row 3:* Marie Maley, Helen Kelly, Charlotte Rowley, Audrey Hilt, Dolores O'Hern, Eliza Rogers, Theresa Maurizi, Ann Pommer, Natalie Eremic, Angelina Alfieri.

Row 1: Shirley Rehrer, Alice O'Hern, Ann Attig, Hazel Churchfield, Shirley Bach, Miss Condron, Ethel Cramer, Nancy Brown, Ruth Hoffman, Ruth Bach, Mary Rose Fragomeni. *Row 2:* Alma Erlain, Betty Tietze, Janet Wise, Rita Yanigan, Shirley Poling, Carol Carlson, Marilyn Buettner, Louise Gilbert, Yvonne Busch, Elizabeth Hitchens, Betty Mainwaring, Joan Hardin, Betty Uhlir, Nancy McEwen, Jean Gilmore, Martha Brady. **Row 3:** Ruth Smith, Joan O'Hern, Catherine Kelly, Donna Skender, Mary Ellen Horsman, Ruth Losteter, Marjorie Gillis, Louise Mastrocola.

BETA TRI-HI-Y

TENTH GRADE TRI-HI-Y

Row 1: Joan Vorce, Donna Jakes, Ann Cvetan, Jean Blend, Betty Davis, Mrs. Jones, Arlene Vorce, Verna Ferguson, Frances Gebhart, Loretta Christopher, Lois Ament. *Row* 2: Janet Grimm, Louise Gida, Chloe Shipley, Shirley Howell, Mildred Miller, Jean Wade, Betty Jones, Nancy McQuade, Joan Wade, Shirley Taber, Shirley Sentipal, Donna Lynn, Lorna Laughery, Patricia Rothrauff, Mary Ann Bevan. *Row* 3: Marlyn Merlin, Peggy George, Grace Lorentz, Marlene Blend, Etta Morrison, Carol Sullivan, De Maris Feeley, Rita Hensler, Joan Martinsek, Nancy Rohm.

Row 1: Nancy Bach, Connie Venuto, Eleanor Buettner, Bette Topley, Betty Wojcik, Miss Hilliard, Joan Salenske, Patricia Hardman, Helen Baer, Pauline Bach, Lucille Balsinger. *Row* 2: Judy Yogodnik, Patricia Folkmire, Shirley Garretson, Dorothy Shelly, Shirley Rowley, Joan Kibelbek, Carol Conner, Kathleen Rankin, Shirley Lutes, Dolores Busch, Betty King, Joan Yogodnik, Nancy Watt, Rose Cepko, Irene Blasko. *Row* 3: Shirley Wennagel, Juanita Ginther, Shirley Burrell, Shirley Zorn, Norma Busch, Alma Kolesar, Shirley Johns, Phyllis Wessel.

NINTH GRADE TRI-HI-Y

SENIOR HI-Y

Row 1: Michael Bach, Harry Hammer, James Baer, Alfred Thalheimer, Mr. Jones, James McCurdy, George Easterly, William Rehrer, Donald Gebhart. *Row 2:* Darrell Berkoben, Jack McGahan, Joseph Hondal, Joseph Stark, Paul Hodder, William Eicher, Robert Schliffka, Robert Czarnecki, Elwood Starr, Harry Hardman, David Cramer, Alfred Shalkowski, Earle Winkle. *Row 3:* James Alfer, Robert Womeldorf, Richard Powelson, Charles Topiey, Robert Baker, Andrew Pommer, Richard Smith, Jack Beck, Harry Harper.

Row 1: Jack Klingensmith, Dennis O'Brien, Richard Patterson, Robert Dellett, Donald Cramer, Mr. Arnold, Frank Graham, Donald Bookheimer, Jack McCreanor, Ronald Mench, Harry May. *Row 2:* William Cipra, Robert Santner, Paul Harrison, Russell Gerhart, Norman Rubash, Richard Baer, Frank Storch, Graham Douglas, George O'Roark, Stanley Ament, Robert Zimmerman, Alex Pici, Thomas March. *Row 3:* James Farrall, David Kelly, David Marts, Paul Miller, Eugene Sarver, Merle Bailey, Paul King, Carlton Martin, Ronald Hurley.

JUNIOR HI-Y

Row 1: Thomas Jodon, Franklyn Massung, Arthur Canalungo, John Buterbaugh, John Christenson, Wayne Bailey. *Row* 2: Betty Koelsch, Shirley Lutes, Lorna Laughery, Naomi Curry, Elizabeth Hitchens, Betty Jones, Jean Frommell, Jane Frommell, Marjorie Shields, Jane Carbines. *Row* 3: Alfred Shalkowski, William Beard, Shirley Rehrer, Helen Baer, Bertha Martinsek, Betty King, Jean Blend, Virginia Cipra, Shirley Rowley, Shirley Johns, David Marts, Audrey Hilt, Betty Brown, Audrey Farmer, *Row* 4: Brian Jordan, John Fragomeni, John Buenting, Merle Bailey, Darrell Berkoben, Donald Bookheimer, James Alfer, Paul King, Jack Beck, Louis Haberbeck, Harry May, Fred Crosier, Harry Harper.

The band, under our new director, Mr. Edward Miller, consisted of thirty-four members, who attended rehearsals the seventh period, three times a week. The most spectacular appearances of the band were at the football games, where at half time, the three veteran majorettes Audrey Hilt, Betty Brown, Audrey Farmer, and the new drum-major, Al Shalkowski, led the group through many interesting formations. A few of the new drills included a bubble pipe, with bubbles actually coming out of it to the music of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles," and a crescent moon which changed into a full moon to the music of " Shine on Harvest Moon." The band attended every football game. Other appearances were at Friday morning assemblies and pep meetings and at the annual Spring Music Festival.

OUR BAND

Row 1: Alice O'Hern, Ann Attig, Donna Jakes, Marjorie Gillis, Nancy Rohm, Ruth Losteter, Ruth Smith, Dolores O'Hern, Donna Skender, Ruth Hoffman, Marlyn Merlin, Frances Gebhart, Loretta Christopher, Ruth Bach, Lois Ament, Jean Cortright. *Row 2:* Jane Carbines, Shirley Larson, Dolores Furlong, Elizabeth Hitchens, Jane Frommell, Carol Carlson, Lorna Laughery, Joanne Lynn, Shirley Sentipal, Jean Wade, Mildred Miller, Jean May, Nancy McQuade, Betty Jones, Shirley Taber, Joan Wade, Verna Ferguson, Shirley Howell, Shirley Bach, Joan Hardin, Jean Frommell, Betty Koelsch, Adrienne Curry, Eliza Rogers, Jean Mills. *Row 3:* Chloe Shipley, Louise Gida, Arlene Vorce, Audrey Gebhart, Grace Lorentz, Joan Martinsek, Phyllis Armstrong, De Maris Feeley, Charlotte Rowley, Virginia Cipra, Beatrice Schaffer, Marjorie Shields, Carol Sullivan, Marlene Blend, Jean Blend, Etta Morrison, Patricia Rothrauff, Janet Grimm, Natalie Eremic, Betty Brown, Audrey Hilt, Alma Erlain, Rita Yanigan, Betty Davis, Rita Hensler, Nancy Brown, Mary Ellen Horsman, Lorene Grimm.

CHORUS

A most active and promising musical group is the senior girls' chorus. Seventy girls from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades blend their voices in delightful melodies under the direction of Mr. Edward Miller. The girls gained worthwhile knowledge of music and the art of singing, as well as providing a source of entertainment for themselves and the entire school.

The group assisted in special holiday assemblies, as at Thanksgiving and Christmas, by presenting appropriate numbers. Parents and friends were entertained at the P.T.A. Founders' Day program. Outside appearances added to the group's popularity. These included a program given for the Lions' Club. Many months were given to the preparation of songs to be sung in the spring festival.

Row 1: Thomas Craig, James Lang, Norman Rubash, David Cramer, Mr. Jones, Hugh Bruce, Joseph Hondal, Stanley Ament, Pete Radulovic. *Row 2*: Dennis O'Brien, Mervyn Rhodes, George Shafer, Jack McGahan, Elwood Starr, Richard Cowan, Graham Douglas, Robert Dellett, Robert Shafer, Charles Estochen, Frank Graham.

KEY CLUB

The Key Club of East McKeesport High School, under the sponsorship of Mr. Merlyn C. Jones and Mr. William Meise, is composed of a group of twenty representative boys from grades ten to twelve.

The Key Club is a service organization whose purpose is to encourage higher scholarship among students, develop fuller cooperation among the school groups, and promote a closer relationship between the school and the community.

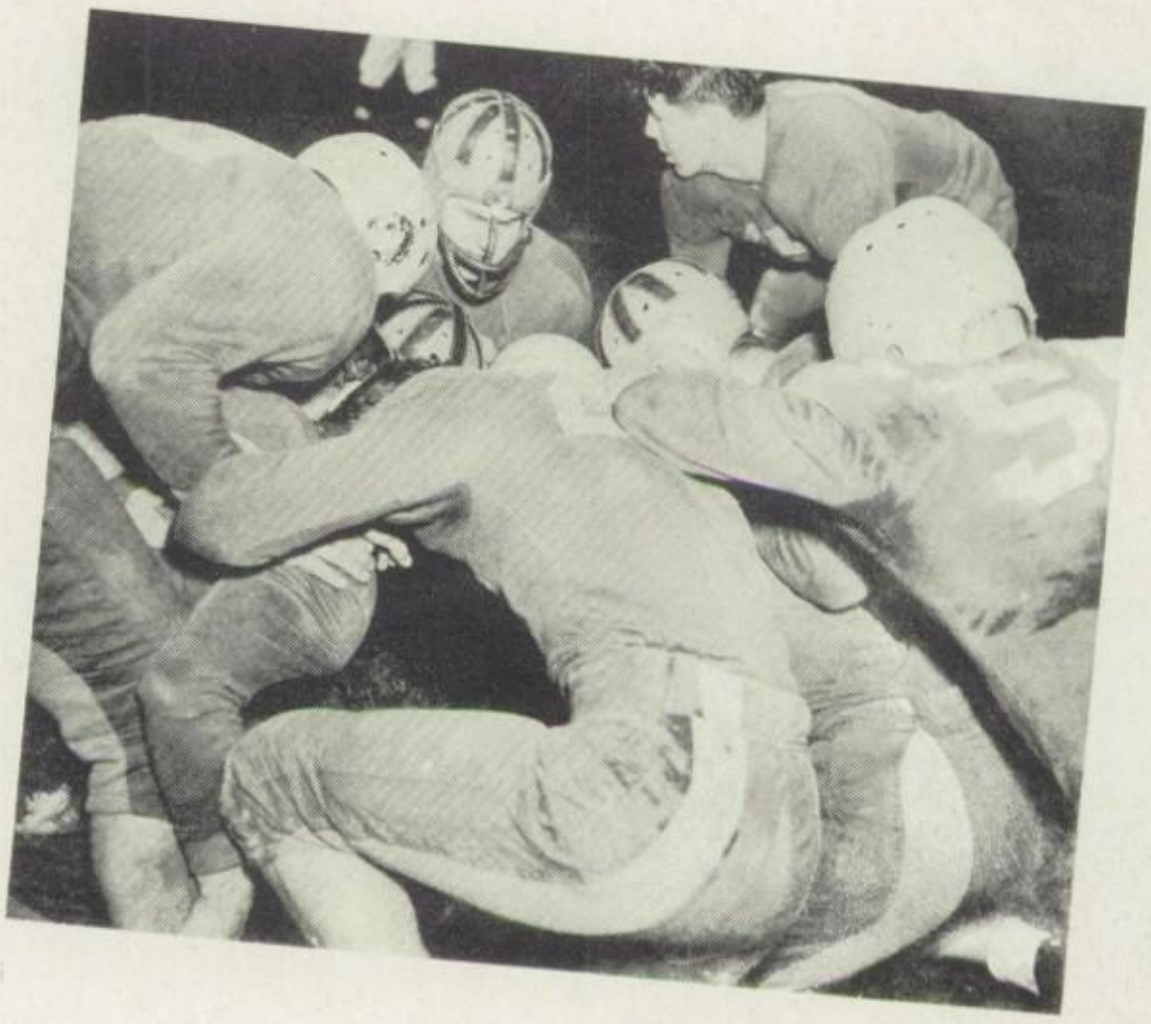
ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Wilmerding is composed of a group of business and professional men from East McKeesport and Wilmerding.

Each year representative senior boys are invited to attend the Rotary meetings. There they have the opportunity to become acquainted with the Rotarians and to enjoy with them the fine programs of the club.

Row 1: Robert Schliffka, Alfred Thalheimer, Peter Radulovic. *Row 2*: David Cramer, Joseph Stark, Thomas Craig.

IN COMPETITION



FOOTBALL

Coach William C. Meise's Hilltopper squad again ended a successful season with 7 wins and 2 defeats. Among their victims were Aspinwall 13-6, Youngwood 13-0, Verona 19-0, Pitcairn 12-6, Edgewood 26-2, West Newton 33-0, and East Pittsburgh 19-13. Trafford ended the Hilltopper's string of victories 20-12 in a disputed contest and rival Wilmerding was victorious 13-6.

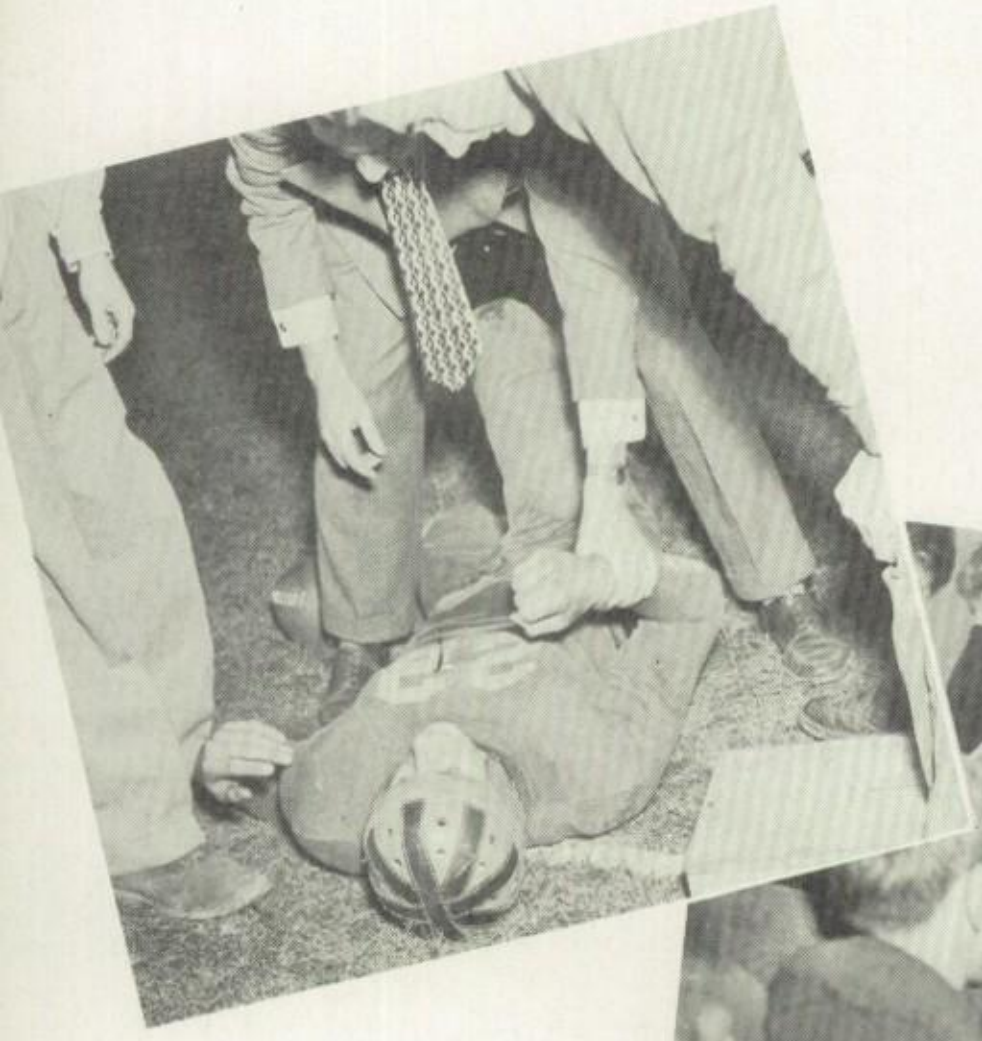
East played nine class B opponents, the first being at Aspinwall under the lights. Youngwood fell next to Meise's gang, and previously unbeaten Verona followed in defeat. Pitcairn proved to be a tough nut to crack, and it was not until the fading moments of the game that East pushed over the winning TD. The Trafford game was a riotous affair and the Tomahawks scored a 20-12 win. Much controversy followed this contest. Edgewood High was a much easier opponent as East won handily 26-2. The winless West Newton team, which hadn't scored a point all season, suffered a 33-0 trouncing.

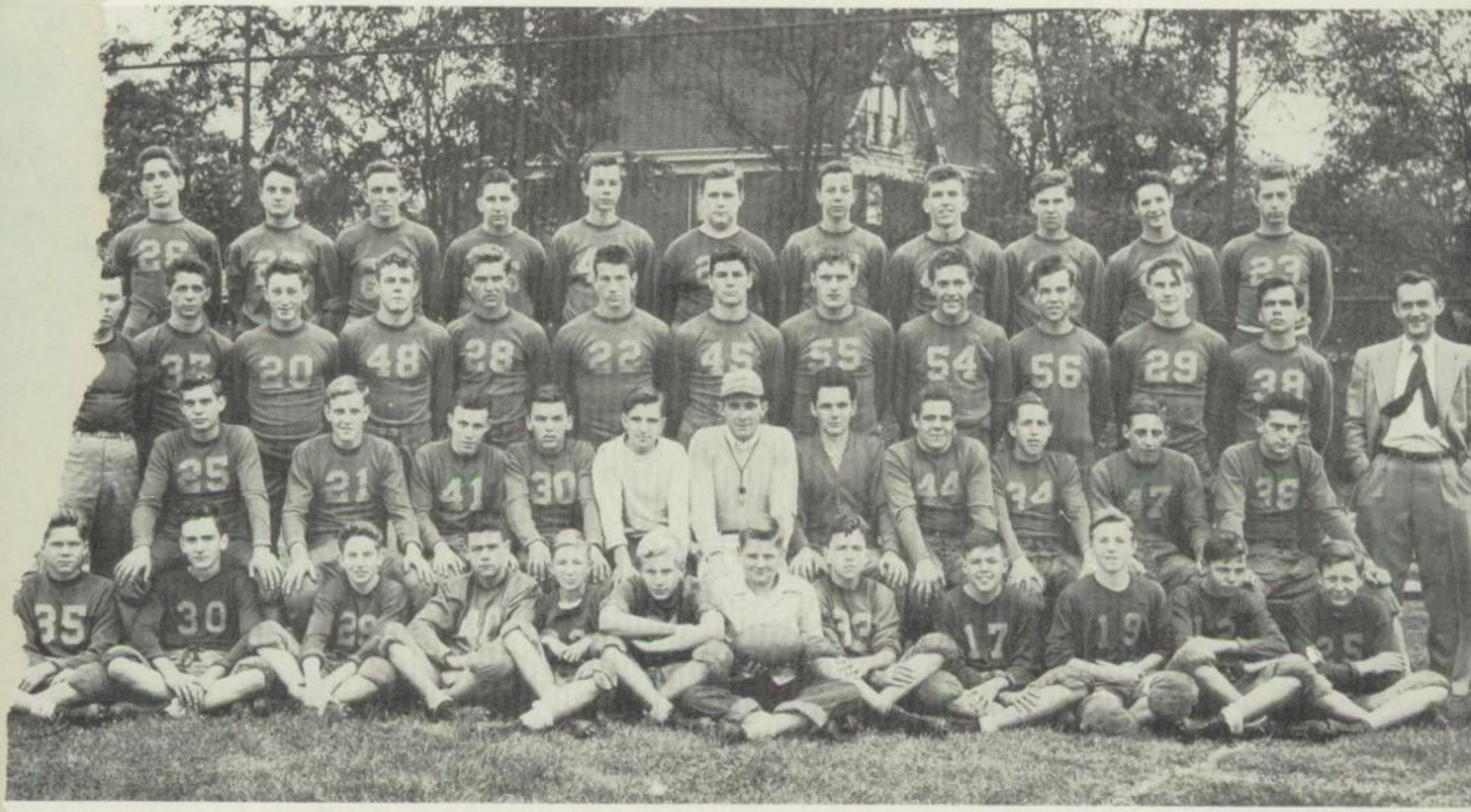
Then came the "game of the year" with Wilmerding. The Hilltoppers led for three quarters before succumbing to the Wildcats in a 13-6 thriller.

Another valley opponent, East Pittsburgh, followed and East took a 19-13 victory.

Previous to the Trafford game, the Hilltoppers had never suffered a class B loss under Coach Meise.

Seniors who performed for the last time were Bob Baker, Walt Polka, Pete Radulovic, Tom Craig, Bill Pickford, Earl Winkle, Bob Czarnecki, Joe Stark, Dave Cramer, Bill Rehrer, and Paul Hodder.





Row 1: William Beswick, Karl Kotulak, Richard Farmer, John Benvin, Sherwood McEwen, Byron Eisaman, Edward Helfrich, Robert Hodder, John Cooper, Donald Doyle, Donald Nicholls, John Howard. *Row* 2: William Smith, Robert Baker, Carlton Martin, Robert Zimmerman, Ronald Hurley, Mr. Meise, Stanley Ament, William Rehrer, Donald Cramer, David Cramer, Walter Polka. *Row* 3: Mr. Boyles, Robert Santner, Thomas March, William Pickford, Robert Czarnecki, Joseph Stark, Thomas Craig, Pete Radulovic, Richard Cowan, Paul Hodder, George O'Roark, Eugene Sarver, Mr. Jones. *Row* 4: John Tucci, Dalton Pack, Donald Johnson, Richard Johnson, Robert Shafer, Robert Dellett, George Shafer, Lane Stauffer, David Bevan, Earle Winkle, George Easterly.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

1948

September 11	—Aspinwall	Away (Night Game)
September 17	—Youngwood	Home (Night Game)
September 25	—Verona	Home
October 2	—Pitcairn	Away
October 9	—Trafford	Away
October 15	—Edgewood	Home
October 22	—West Newton	Home (Night Game)
October 30	—Wilmerding	Home
November 6	—East Pittsburgh	Away

VARSITY BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE

Dec.	3—Turtle Creek	Away
Dec.	7—North Huntingdon	Away
Dec.	10—McKeesport	Away
Dec.	14—West Newton	Home
Dec.	21—Irwin	Home
Dec.	28—West Newton	Away
Jan.	4—Glassport	Home
Jan.	7—Wilmerding	Away
Jan.	11—Irwin	Away
Jan.	14—Pitcairn	Home
Jan.	18—Clairton	Away
Jan.	21—East Pittsburgh	Home
Jan.	25—Elizabeth	Away
Jan.	28—Swissvale	Home
Feb.	1—Glassport	Away
Feb.	4—Wilmerding	Home
Feb.	11—Pitcairn	Away
Feb.	15—Clairton	Home
Feb.	18—East Pittsburgh	Away
Feb.	22—Elizabeth	Home

East McKeesport High's basketball team opened its 1948-49 season at Turtle Creek, losing to the AA Creekers 43-35. The Hilltoppers then proceeded to bowl over North Huntingdon, McKeesport "B", West Newton, and Irwin in succession before West Newton ended the winning streak by one point.

The section 17 schedule opened with Glassport, and Coach Bill Meise's charges took a 36-30 decision at East. Wilmerding was the second sectional victim to the Hillmen, the Wildcats dropping a 59-39 contest.

For the second straight time, Irwin's state Class B champs fell to the Hilltoppers, this time by a 61-56 count. East set a sectional scoring record when Pitcairn fell to a merciless 89-52 trouncing. Double A Clairton was next in line, losing 51-44.

The starting team consisted of Tom Craig, Joe Stark, Pete Radulovic, Joe Hondal, and Tom March. All were seniors except March.

The reserve team, comprised of sophomores, didn't fare so well as the varsity, but was steadily improving as the season progressed.

Row 1: Thomas March, Jack Beck, Robert Santner, Eugene Sarver. *Row 2:* Mr. Meise, Joseph Hondal, Thomas Craig, Pete Radulovic, Joseph Stark, Donald Bookheimer, Ronald Mench, Ronald Hurley.

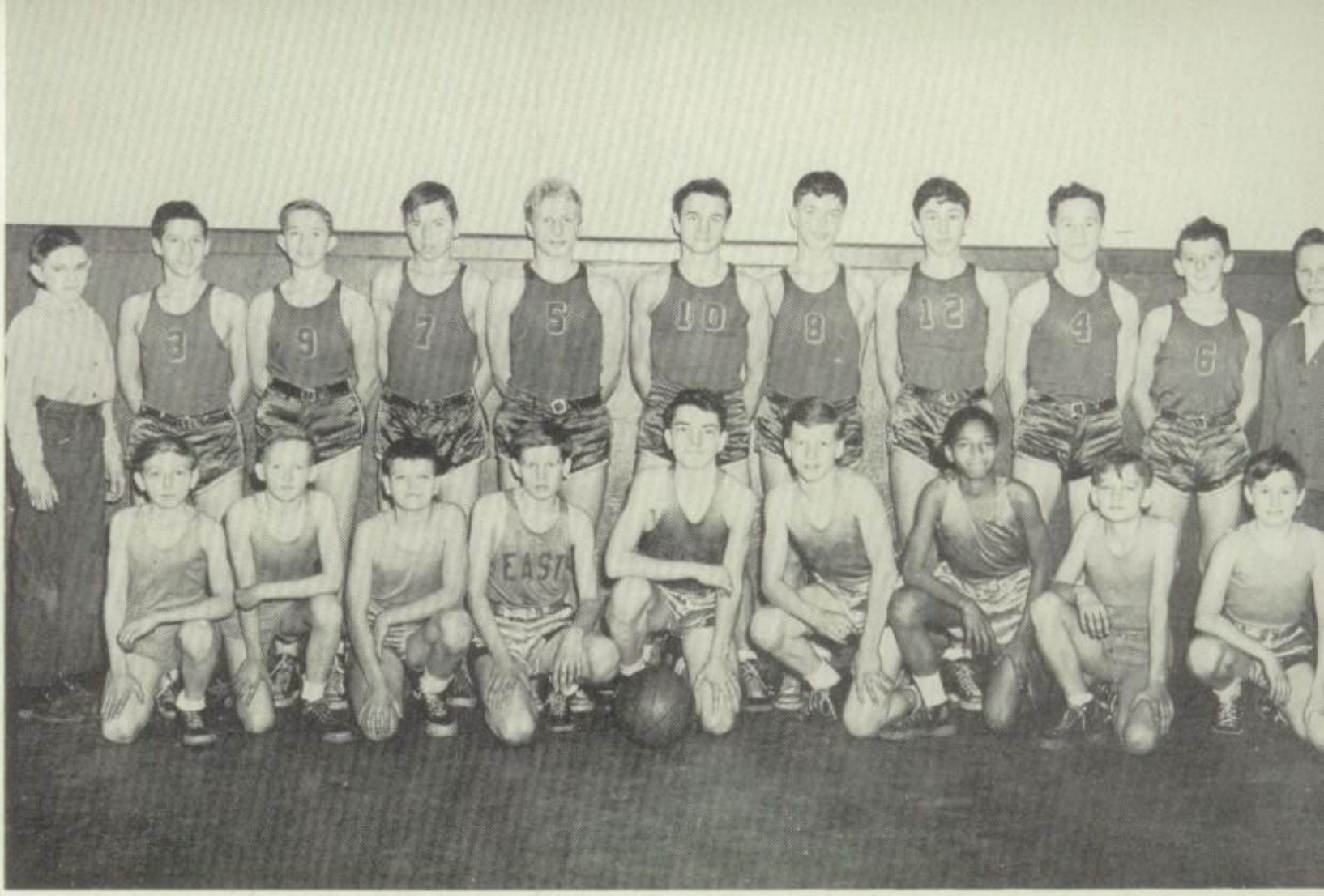
CHEERLEADERS

Row 1: Ruth Losteter, Donna Skender, Charlotte Rowley. *Row* 2: Adrienne Curry, Shirley Larson, Dolores Furlong.

At the start of the '48-'49 football season, Donna Skender and Ruth Losteter joined the four seniors, Adrienne Curry, Dolores Furlong, Shirley Larson, and Charlotte Rowley, to cheer the boys onward. They were always on hand with their lusty cheers.

RESERVE BASKETBALL

Row 1: George Shafer, Robert Shafer, Hugh Bruce, John Tucci, William Beswick. *Row* 2: Mr. Meise, John Bayko, John Benvin, Ronald Mehaffey, Melvin Rhodes, Henry Dombroske.



Row 1: Richard Tucci, John Bookheimer, Willis Poling, Wayne Bevan, Fred Crosier, John Buenting, George Rogers, Charles Rowley, Arthur Canalungo. *Row 2:* William May, John Fragomeni, Sherwood McEwen, Donald Nicholls, Byron Eisaman, Dalton Pack, Lawrence Giles, Fred Fanto, Robert Hodder, Kurt Pommer, Richard Sauers.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The East McKeesport High School Junior Varsity, under Coach Merlyn C. Jones, started its 1948-49 basketball season with a mediocre record. After losing to Braddock 31-27, Pitcairn twice 20-18 and 32-17, and Patton 28-21, the boys opened their sectional schedule with a 27-24 win over Wilmerding. The J.V.'s then suffered a 32-22 loss to Forest Hills in another league encounter. Bouncing back, East topped Trafford 31-18.

Coach Jones rotated his starting lineup from Byron Eisaman, Lawrence Giles, Sherwood McEwen, Leonard Kudravy, John Fragomeni, Robert Hodder, and Donald Nicholls.

JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE
1948-1949

January	18—Wilmerding.....	Away
January	21—Forest Hills.....	Home
January	25—Trafford	Home
February	1—Wilmerding.....	Home
February	4—Trafford	Away
February	8—Forest Hills.....	Away

JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS

Hope Knezevich, Dolores Busch, Dolores O'Neill, Luella Correll.

Row 1: Louis Haberbeck, Edward Helfrich, William Beswick. *Row* 2: Herbert Clougherty, Walter Polka, William Pickford, Donald Cramer, Thomas Craig, Robert Schliffka, David Cramer, Robert Dripps, Pete Radulovic. *Row* 3: Roland Kirk, Donald Bookheimer, Carlton Martin, Robert Zimmerman, Donald Peyinghaus, Hugh Bruce, Mr. Meise.

BASEBALL

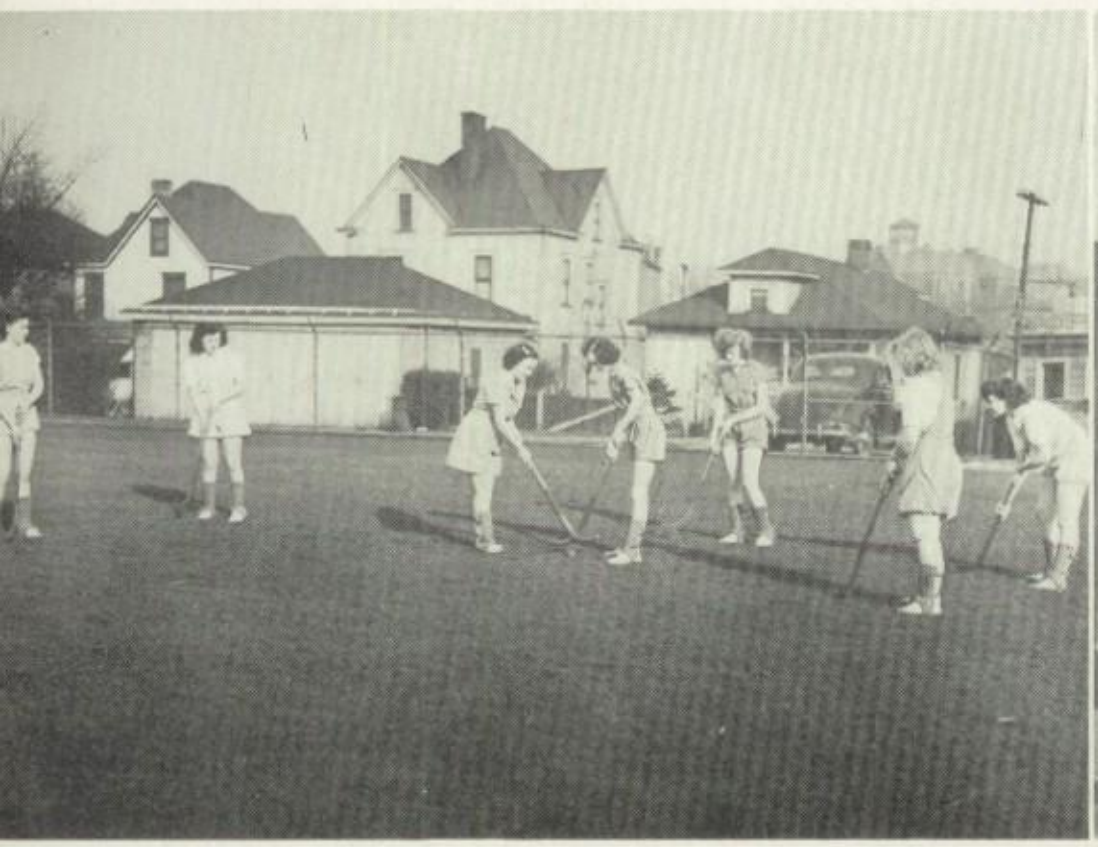
Coach Meise's baseball squad didn't sport as enviable record as the football and basketball teams, but the Hilltopper nine showed considerable talent as the season progressed.

They opened their season with an 8-4 victory over Munhall but dropped their first league encounter to Glassport 7-6. Pitcairn, an easy foe for the Meisemen, suffered a 12-0 drubbing. The Warriors of Elizabeth then turned the tables, pasting a 13-2 defeat on East, but again the Hillmen came back with a 5-2 victory over Plum. Wilmerding reversed the setup with a 2-1 triumph and Elizabeth suffered a 6-3 loss in a return match.

Glassport's Gladiators again came through with a one-run victory, 1-0, and Pitcairn took their second successive lacing from East by a 9-1 margin. Plum and Wilmerding ended the Hilltoppers' season with 3-1 and 4-1 triumphs, respectively.

SCHEDULE

April 12	Elizabeth at East McKeesport
April 15	East McKeesport at Glassport
April 19	Pitcairn at East McKeesport
April 22	E. McKeesport at Plum Township
April 26	Wilmerding at East McKeesport
April 29	East McKeesport at Elizabeth
May 3	Glassport at East McKeesport
May 6	East McKeesport at Pitcairn
May 10	Plum Township at E. McKeesport
May 13	East McKeesport at Wilmerding



INTRAMURAL SPORTS

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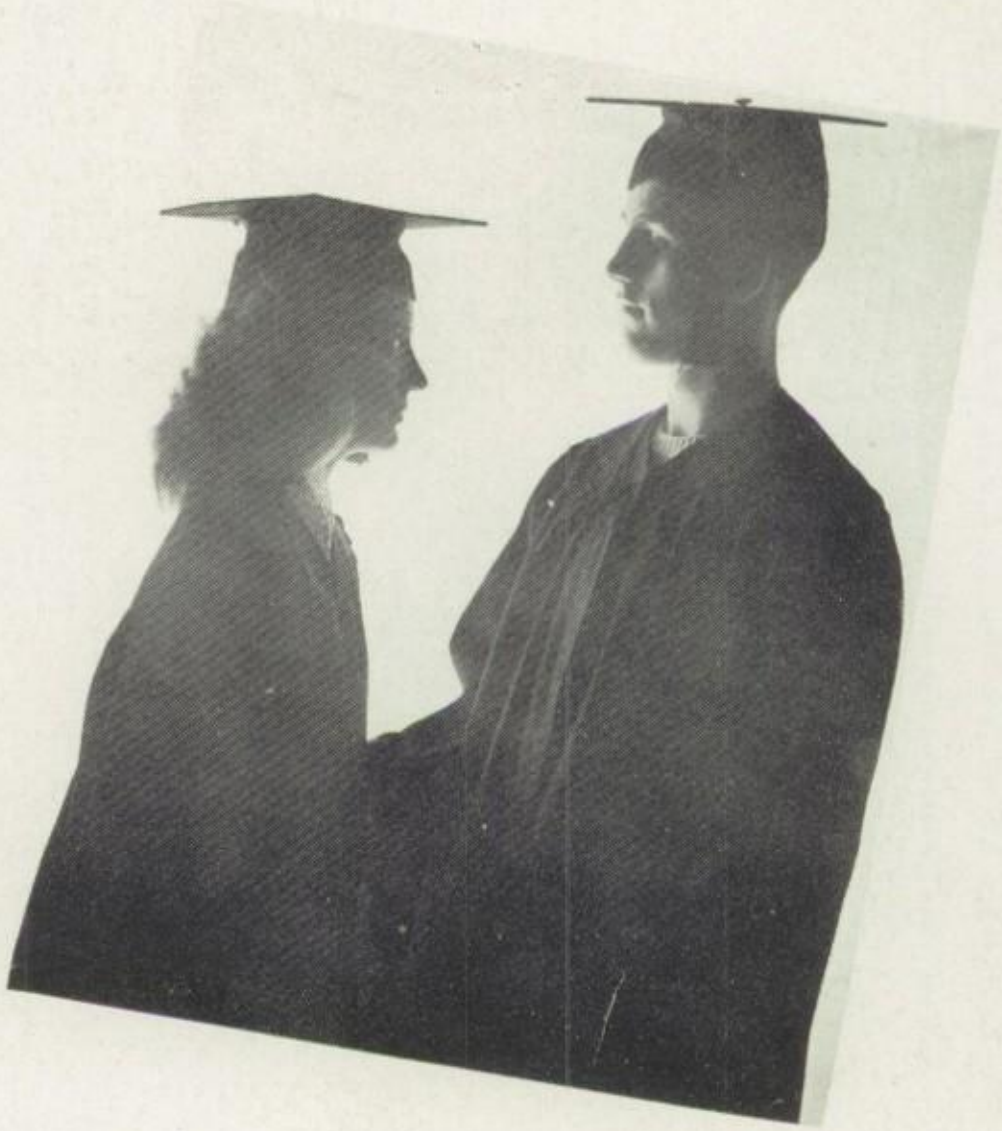

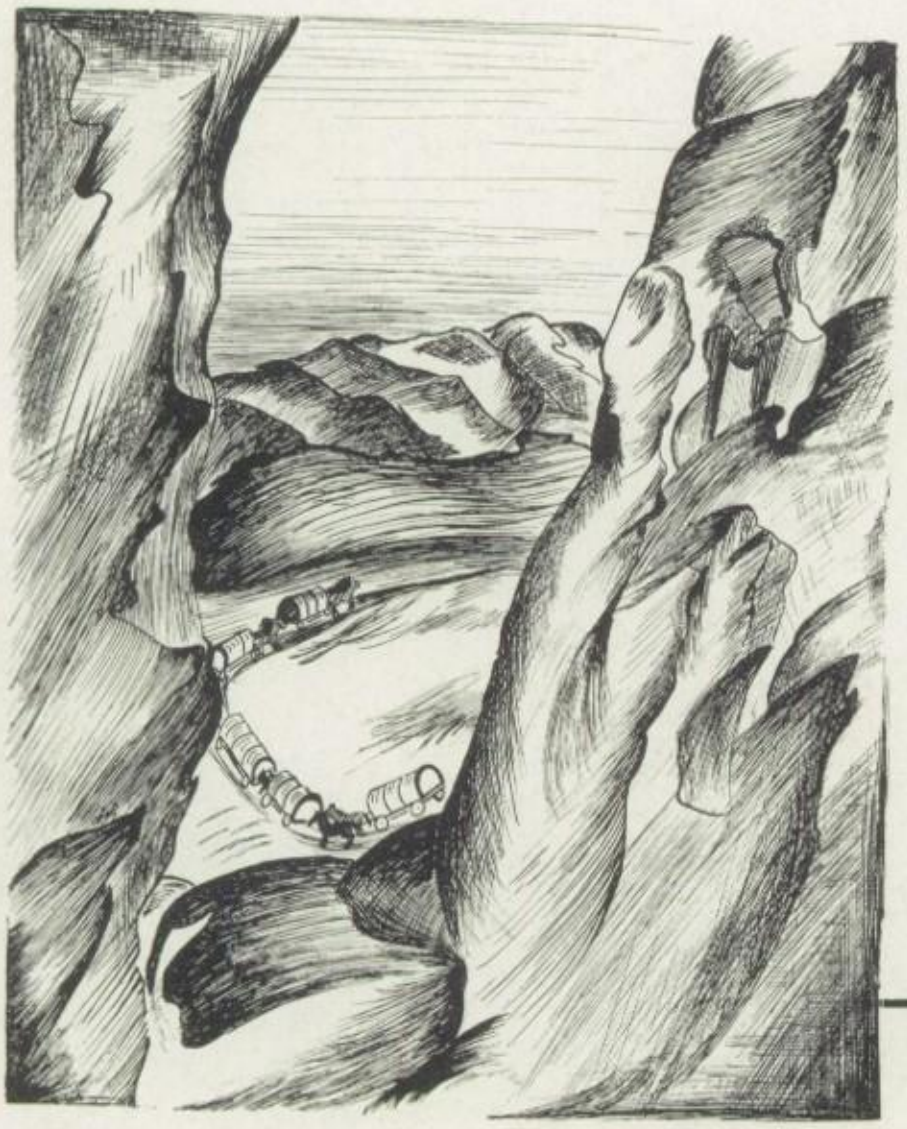

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Festa & Kachun Grocery Store
Ladies' Auxiliary Vigilant Fire Co. No. 1
Mr. E. C. Stauffer
East McKeesport Water Co.
Wagner-Bund Music Company
Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Lutes
Maples Tea Room
Drs. Ruth & Raymond Masters
Mrs. Rose Katz
Lincoln Coach Lines
Mr. J. G. Topley
Mr. George N. Wolf, Jr.
Dr. H. C. Hackman
Ward's Confectionary
Hubert's Fine Foods
Micklo Lunch
Gravity Fill Service Station
Kennywood Park Corporation
Dr. F. P. Walthour
Koper's Food Market
William J. Bevan & Sons, Excavating
Crawford Plumbing & Heating
Mr. Walter J. Yenny
Rutter Bros. Lumber Co.
Wallace's Electric
Andy's Service Station
Dr. W. F. Davis
Mr. Joseph Sauter
Mr. Louis W. Feit
Dr. Joseph M. Dechter
Al's Meat Market
B & B Market
J. S. Ponte & Sons Auto Service
Frank Feo's Barber Shop
Star Meat Market
White Star Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co.
Park Terrace Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.
Mr. Stanley Zywar
Mr. C. L. McCormick
Herff-Jones Company
James Alfieri's Barber Shop
Mr. Walter R. Armstrong
Kiwanis Club
Marek's Confectionery
Stephen Smith Radio Service
Jones' Pharmacy
Mr. V. P. Amatuzzi
Corner Store
McCall & Hassler's
Mr. C. I. Taylor
Goodman's Hardware
East McKeesport Pharmacy
The Esquire
Galloway's Home Bakery
Russell's Floral Shoppe
G & O Auto Service
Phil Bach Motor Sales
Bach's Tourist Home
Ponsetto Sales & Service
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Mr. Jacob W. Kram
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